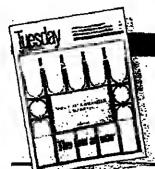


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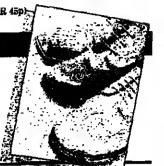
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Railtrack in 'fat cat' row over bonuses

Labour fury over sweeteners

PETER RODGERS and CHRISTIAN WOLMAR

Six directors of Railtrack may get bonuses of up to 100 per cent of their salaries under an incentive scheme that could add £900,000 to the board's earnings and which is bound to provoke new opposition to the Government's troubled rail pri-

The bonuses – to be paid in shares in the privatised company - come despite a promise by Robert Horton, chairman of Railtrack, to han "fat cat" rewards by eschewing share op-

The prospectus for the sale of Railtrack published yesterday gives details of the long-term incentive scheme. The payments exclude options and instead will be made by the company through the purchase of shares to be given to directors and top executives. This is on top of annual bonuses for the board of up to 40 per cent of basic salary.

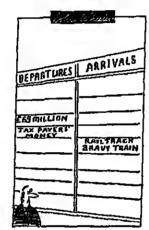
Angered by the incentive scheme and by a decision to sweeten the privatisation with a £69m dividend paid out of last year's profits - when the company was state-owned - Labour said it would mount an attempt to overturn the Government's one-vote majority in tomorrow's Commons debate. It will try to block the sale by marshalling support from Ulster Unionist MPs and Tories un-

happy with rail policy. The sale includes an unprecedented array of sweeteners to ensure successful privatisation, with discounts and bonus shares as well as the

£69m extra dividend. The Oppostion's transport spokeswoman, Clare Short, condemned the sell-off, saying privatisation would damage the country's rail network and drive more people on to the roads. She said: "We believe that it's a grave breach of the national interest to sell off all our signalling, the tracks and stations in every town and city in the land at a very, very cheap price."

rectors to use half their annual bonuses t of salary to huy shares in Railtrack. After three years, the company will award each director a multiple of the shares he has bought, hased on

two key measures. These are the growth in the company's earnings per share and a separate measure of how far Railtrack has achieved per-



The maximum payout each year would be five times the amount of shares the director has bought. The view in the City was that the targets were de-

manding but achievable. The prospectus said the directors had been given an ordinary bonus of 172 per cent in 1994-5, after the Government reduced it from the 25 per cent estimated by the board. For the year just ended, a 30 per cent bonus has been set, 75 per cent

of the maximum. John Edmonds, the chief executive, has the highest basic salary at £168,000, and is the only one to get a rise this year - of £26,000.

While Labour is not committing itself to renationalisation, the party is convinced that its campaign against the sale will dampen down enthusiasm among the general public to buy shares.

The party launches an advertising campaign today on Robbery, with the claim that privatisation is costing every taxpayer £103.

Ms Short said it would be "iresponsible" for Labour simply to threaten potential investors it would take back Railtrack if it won power. Railtrack argues that the prime reason for selling 100 per cent of the shares was not to make it harder for a future Labour government to re-nationalise the network, but to do what was right for the rail-

way industry.
While Labour is unlikely to win Wednesday's vote, Tory MPs with doubts about the hreak-up of the railways were given more ammunition by figures revealed by the Capital Transport Campaign last night which showed that more than 70 per cent of passenger services in London and the south-east have deteriorated since the break-up of BR in 1994.

An alliance of unions and pressure groups opposed to privatisation said they were considering legal action over the £69m dividend, which will be shared by new shareholders in October.

Jonathan Bray, co-ordinator of the Save Our Railways group, which late last year mounted a partially successful legal action against the sell-off said: "The Government is so desperate to make a success of the sale that they plan to bribe investors with a £70m sweetener. We will be taking this issue up with

our lawyers. SOR launches a separate legal action today when it starts proceedings against the franchise director, Roger Salmon, over his decision to bar British Rail from hidding for the LTS franchise whose allocation was held up following revelations of

a fraud. Details were also released of poll which claimed that half of Railtrack's senior managers and more than four out of five of its middle managers were opposed to the rapid sell-off of the

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Israelis blast power station

ROBERT FISK.

Ignoring France's initiative to halt the onslaught on Lebanon, Israel yesterday destroyed another of the country's key power plants, setting the electricity station in the Metn hills ablaze while opening a missile bombardment on the southern port

Beirut's power supply was cut by two thirds after an Israeli helicopter fired a rocket into the station at Bsaleem outside the Christian eastern suburbs of Beirut - an area into which no Hizbollah has ever set foot sending a two-mile column of smoke over the Mediterranean.

Lebanese and Syrian antiaircraft batteries have now been positioned across west Beirut in crease in the fighting by both apparent readiness for what so sides. In the 24 hours ending at

port. Five passenger airliners. including the regular Middle East Airlines flight from Lon-don, were forced to circle the city for 90 minutes during the afternoon as Israeli helicopters staged another raid over the southern suburbs of the city, wounding one man when they fired missiles into two buildings. Throughout the day, anti-air-craft batteries fired repeatedly

Israeli jets made reconnaisance flights across Beirut. In Paris, the Lebanese prime minister spoke gloomily of the end of the Middle East peace process while the United Nations in southern Lebanon logged a significant in-

many Lebanese fear: an Israeli attack on the international airalone, 52 of them landing close to UN positions. For their part. the Hizbollah - supposedly targeted by "surgical strikes" from Israeli aircraft - mounted their heaviest daily retaliation bombardment yet against northern Israel: 90 Katyusha rockets fired off towards Galilee.

Other reports suggest that the Hizbollah may have fired as many as 400 Katyushas at Israel in 24 hours, including rockets into the sky over the capital as fired from north of the Litani river, further proof that the guerrilla force has not been cowed by the Israeli attack. Since the offensive began on 11 April, not one Hizboliah member or Israeli soldier has been reported killed. The dead comprise 23 civilians, two Lebanese soldiers and a Syrian officer.

transmission rather than reality, Hizbollah's television station showed film of around 50 young men with their faces blackened and with what appeared to be explosives strapped to their chests, announcing that they formed a special "martyrs' hrigade" which would attack Isracli targets and "American interests" in retaliation for US support for the Israeli attacks.

capital, its highways descried, its unkempt gardens the home of anti-aircraft guns. Power cuts stopped mains water pumps. Given the air attacks on the two electricity stations over the past two days - the only "surgical strikes" Israel has actually undertaken - the collapse of the city's infrastructure is clearly what the Israelis intend.

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The controversial directors' the theme of The Great Train Hopes for feelgood factor get triple boost

DIANE COYLE. 3 Economics Editor

> Government hopes for a return of the "feelgood factor" received a boost yesterday thanks to evidence of a livelier housing market, a junzy in retail spending and further good news

> Activity in the housing market in March was the strongest for two years, according to a survey of estate agents. Four out of five said the number of viewings and enquiries had risen by 10 per cent or more.

surge in spending on the high street, which was 7.5 per cent higher than the same month a ar earlier even after adjusting for the impact of an early Easter. Official figures also showed the increase in prices charged by manufacturers at the facto-

ry gate declined to its lowest since December 1994. The prospect of faster growth without inflation helped take shares in London to a record high last night.

The housing market is show-ing signs of underlying strength,

of Chartered Surveyors. In a typical comment, Robert Cormack, an estate agent in New-port, Gwent, said: "After too many false dawns this decade, we are now cautiously advising huyers and sellers that signs of improvement in the property

market are staring to show." Nearly a fifth of the estate agents reported modest house price increases, although most said prices remained flat. But many said houses still had to be

realistically priced to sell. The upheat survey follows the

according to the Royal Institute Halifax building society's recent report that house prices rose for the eighth month running in March, the longest sustained increase since 1989.

The brighter news on the housing front coincided with a survey of retailers showing a much stronger trend in high street spending last month.

The amount spent on retail sales surged by 7.5 per cent in the year to March. Adjusting for Easter, which had a big impact on DIY, food and electrical sales, the year-on-year increase remained a buoyant 4.5-5.0 per

cent. It was concentrated on electrical goods, household er inflation. Official figures yes items and furniture.

Hugh Clark, trading policy director of the British Retail Consortium, said: "We are particularly encouraged to see this happen before people get the benefits of the tax cuts.

He added: "Our members are detecting a distinct improvement in consumer confidence." Lower mortgage rates would continue to help retail spending, he said.

The sparks of recovery in consumer spending have shown

terday revealed that prices charged by manufacturers at the factory gate rose 3.4 per cent in the year to March, the lowest annual increase since the end of

1994. Beef prices at the producer level dropped 0.9 per cent in March thanks to the mad cow scare, but other meat prices jumped by 5.3 per cent, mean-ing prices charged by food pro-ducers climbed 1,2 per cent

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IN BRIEF

'Bristol' goes west The Bristol & West, Britain's ninth largest building society was sold to the Bank of Ireland for £600m yesterday. Page 16

Professor accused A theology professor in the Free Church of Scotland has de-



NICK DUXBURY

Manchester United's grey football kit yesterday became a collector's item as the "strip they couldn't see" was consigned to the dustbin after less than a sea-

The outfit, which adorned the nied six charges of indecent aslikes of Cantona and Giggs on United's appearances away from their home ground of Old Trafford, was blamed for a string of disappointing results and will be replaced by an all-

> white version. United are on the verge of winning the Premiership title -

the unlucky, two-tone design

had been worn. The last straw came on Saturday at Southampton when, after going in three goals down at half-time, the United manager, Alex Ferguson, ordered a switch to the team's blue and white third kit. The changed worked, but only partially as United lost 3-1.

"The players couldn't pick each other out," Ferguson said.
"They said it was difficult to see their team-mates at distance

drop grey strip after black day the biggest prize in football - de-spite having lost four and drawn was nothing to do with super-over six years - were already one of the five games in which stition. This club went 26 years without winning the league and we didn't think about changing the red shirts. It's nothing to do

with that at all." Thousands of parents, who bought the Umbro-manufactured grey shirts - priced £29.99 and £39.99 - for their children. will now have to finance the change to white, although Um- kits in the course of one season bro has attempted to soften the is totally unfair to the fans of all blow by reducing the price by

£10. However, England's biggest and wealthiest club - the kit deal

over six years - were already committed to bringing out a new version of their traditional red shirt for next season and will change the blue and white third kit at the turn of the year.

Tony Kershaw, the secretary of the National Federation of Football Supporters' Clubs, said: "You can only sum it up as a rip-off. Changing all three age groups, not just children. Inited fans will want to have all three kits and they are just being taken for a ride.'



Giggs in the ill-fated strip

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Short tax row blunts attack on rail sell-off

Chief Political Correspondent

Senior aides of Tony Blair, the Labour leader, last night made it clear that Clare Short would not be sacked after she fuelled further anger in the Blair camp over ber remarks on tax.

However, long-term doubts remained about her chances of gaining a place in a Blair Cabinet, if Labour win office, after she defiantly said: "1 will not be

She pulled out of a series of interviews on the privatisation of Railtrack yesterday, although she is Labour's leading spokesman on transport, because of the row over her remarks on tax.

A Tory Party aide said: "If I'd seen her today I would have given her a big hug and a kiss. We were in real trouble until she opened her mouth."

Labour leadership sources were angry last night that Ms Short's remarks blunted Labour's attack on the flotation of Railtrack yesterday, and deflected attention from Mr Blair's successful Washington trip and Labour's triumphant by-election victory in Staffordshire South East.

"We were on a roll until this happened," said a senior Labour source. It threatens to undermine Labour's attack on the Tories over the privatisation of Railtrack in a full-scale Commons debate which Ms Short



Clare Short: Politicians should take a moral stand

The Blair sources were doubly irritated that after making the remarks at the weekend on GMTV, she allowed the row to revive for a second day by seeking to defend them on BBC ra-

dio as a stand of principle. Ms Short said politicians had to take a moral stand. She also dismissed criticism from the Blair camp that she had been "unprofessional" to suggest that "people like me" should pay more in tax.

As Labour tried to limit the damage, a senior Blair aide said: "Clare is not going to leave the Shadow Cabinet

Ms Short accused the press of "a conspiracy to stop politicians talking bonestly - so you get robots who just clone what they're told to say out of press

says what I really think, is supposed to be quiet and not speak the truth. And I will not be si-John Prescott, the deputy

leader of the party, said she had

accepted the collective responsibility of the Shadow Cabinet.
He added: "I think everyone of us in the Shadow Cabinet likes to speak their minds on occasions. I have been known to do it myself. But there is Shadow Cabinet responsibility and all of us bave to take that into account. And I am reassured that Clare, in her view, actually put

sponsible policy of the Shadow abinet. "She has made that clear. She has been somewhat annoyed at the mischievous way ber remarks have been interpreted in

forward the collectively re-

Clare has made one or two personal remarks about ber own personal situation. She is entitled to make a personal remark.

Tony Blair has a serious problem on his hands," said a spokesman for Conservative Central Office. He either has to tell the

truth about Labour's tax plans or sack Clare Short. People want to know what taxes they will have to pay un-

der a Labour government. He bas to tell the truth. Middle income families, all families, want an answer," the spokesman



For sale: The Cambridge to London rail line in mid-Essex. Labour leaders fear Clare Short's

Sweeteners offered to make sale success

PETER RODGERS **Business Editor**

The Government yesterday displayed its determination to make the Railtrack sale a success in the face of threats from the Labour Party to toughen controls on the company. A £69m additional dividend, to be pact. SBC Warburg, the investment bank handling the sale, made while Railtrack was state owned, is one of a number of sweeteners designed to make

the privatisation more attractive. City analysts said the Government has structured the £1.8on sale to give returns in the first year, both from dividends and discounts, above those seen in most previous privatisations, and four or five times as high as a huilding society. This does

not mean an investment in Railtrack is as safe as building society, hecause the value of the shares can go up or down. But the high initial returns could underpin the value of the shares in the stock market.

The signs so far are that the marketing drive is having an imsaid 910,000 potential investors had registered by last Thursday with share shops run by 110 banks, huilding societies and other financial companies in-volved in the sale. Only those registered get special discounts and bonus shares.

The number includes 140,000 private clients automatically registered by the share shops, but even so is well above the lev-

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el expected in the early stages of the marketing campaign. As an incentive to hurry and register, the Government said the lists would be closed soon but did not say when. Other sweeteners, apart from the £69m dividend, include a discount for private investors. They are

In addition, there will be a 15p a share discount - up to a maximum of £120 - on the second instalment payment on the shares, which is due in June 1997. Instead of the second discount, buyers will be able to choose one free share for every 15 they bold up to a maximum of 1,200 shares.

The preliminary or "pathfinder" prospectus for the sale,

published yesterday, makes clear there is unlikely to be the huge property development bonanza once claimed hy the Labour Party, which has promised to change the rules to clawback some of the money. The prospectus says Rail-

track's property income for the thought likely to pay about 5 per cent less than City institutions. six years to 31 March 2001 is ex-pected to be £1,000m, of which about £250m is from sales of property. The rest is from rent. Under an agreement with John Swift, the rail regulator,

Railtrack keeps 75 per cent of any excess profits it makes on property, with the rest going to the train operating companies. However, the prospectus

makes clear that the £1bn propcrty proceeds have already been accounted for in setting the lev-

and duries would be "gentle". But as the Prime Minister re-

stated his own royalist beliefs,

poll figures confirmed a grow-

ing public disenchantment with

the monarchy and a preference

for the Princess Royal to suc-ceed the Queen, not Prince Charles.

Twenty-three per cent of peo-

ple questioned for a Mori poll

said Britain would be better off

without a queen or king, com-

pared with only five per cent

el of track access charges paid by train operators. The sharing 75 per cent mechanism only comes into operation if there are additional profits such as a windfall from developing sites owned by Railtrack.

The hulk of Railtrack's property is an intrinsic part of the sting out of Labour's threat to railway operations and - ac-cording to estimates by Hiller. Parker May & Rowden, the chartered surveyors - other property owned by the company bas a total value of £230m. This ranges from a stake in the Broadgate office development in the City of London to the

Central Hotel in Glasgow. Clare Short, Labour's transport spokeswoman, said: "A worry to investors will be the value put on Railtrack's property

her understanding of politics, he made no direct reference to any

Asked in general terms about

recent troubles, he said: "Well

obviously that turbulence has

been very unwelcome...but the

constitutional monarchy itself,

in my judgement, is rock solid.

I can't conceive of this country having anything other than a

powerful institution indeed,

"The monarchy is a very

constitutional monarchy.

of her family.

portfolio: £230m will not provide the bumper development potential many had hoped for. Labour will channel all proceeds from property development back into infrastructure." However, the absence of

large property gains takes the ment for property profits. City analysts said it meant Labour's promised changes would have less of an effect on the value of the company to sharebolders.

Labour has also promised much tougher regulation of Railtrack, but the City does not appear to have heen deterred because the threat was accompanied by a promise not to cancel existing contracts against the wishes of the parties to them.

bomb was old and unstable

JASON BENNETTO Crime Correspondent

The IRA bomb that accidentally detonated on a bus in central London, killing the terrorist carrying it, went off because it was an old device that had been badly maintained, police have concluded.

Commander John Grieve, head of the Anti-Terrorist Squad, is expected to reveal this today at the inquest into the death of the bomber, Edward O'Brien. He will also disclose that O'Brien, contrary to earlier reports, was not an mexperienced "lilywhite", but a hardened terrorist responsible for several other attacks.

It is also understood that all the film from the closed-circuit camera fitted on the No 171 double decker was destroyed during the explosion at the Aldwych. Until now, it has remained a mystery as to whether the Anti Terrorist Branch had pictures of O'Brien and any other IRA operatives boarding the bus, which was reduced to a pile of twisted metal when the 5lb Semtex bomb detonated at 10.30pm on 18 February.

Security sources believe O'Brien, 21, may bave been intending to target the nearby Law Courts. Cdr Grieve is expected to tell the inquest, which reopens at Westminster Coroner's Court, that the bomb was almost certainly one left over from the previous IRA bombing campaign, and was probably about three years old.

Fragments of the device found scattered around the wreckage indicated that the device was old and badly maintained, making it very unstable. Anti terrorist officers also recovered O'Brien's bandgun close to the bus.

Anti terrorist officers were able quickly to find O'Brien's flat in Lewisham, south-east London, through documents discovered on his body. Enough Semtex and bomb-making equipment were found at his home and buried in the garden to make a further 20 devices.

The bus explosion was the third of four IRA attacks that have taken place since the 17change the sharing arrange- month ceasefire was broken in February by the huge Docklands bomh. Cdr Grieve is known to be satisfied with the progress of the investigation into the Dock-lands bombing. It was revealed in the Independent on Sunday that several witnesses who may be able to identify the terrorists have been found by and terrorist officers. Some are on the fringes of the East End underworld and spotted the bombers in the final stages of their mission.

IN BRIEF

Flesh-eating bug kills new mother

A mother who contracted a flesh-eating bug bas died in hospital. Jill Maskell, 29, developed necrotising fasciitis days after giving birth to a healthy baby girl at Hillingdon Hospital, London She was transferred to Derri-Hospital, Plymouth, for pioneering oxygen treatment in a recompression chamber.

Necrolasing facilitis is caused by a common bacteria which in rare cases attacks muscle and fat. There are around 50 cases in Britain each year, and the bug caused 12 deaths in 1995. Mrs Maskell, of Harlington, west London, became ill soon after having her baby and went back into hospital two weeks later.

Cup tickets stolen

and break

Raiders stole 170 tickets for near month's FA Cup Final after breaking into Manchester United's stadium. Fans who buy the tickets on the black market will not be admitted to Wembley on 11 May, when United meet Liverpool. The club and the FA will list the ticket mimbers and circulate them before the game.

Minister's pledge

The Government has no plans to abolish the Department of Transport despite passing much of its work to outside agencies. the Transport Secretary Sir George Young insisted. The DoT's abolition is believed to be supported by the Treasury and the Department of Trade and Industry, which could take over some of its functions.

Abuse case plea

A leading barrister has called for a public inquiry into allegations of abuse at children's homes in Clwyd, north Wales. Allan Levy QC, who chaired the Staffordshire Pindown inquiry, also demanded publication of a sunpressed report on the case. The Welsh Secretary, William Hague, is expected to announce a decision later this week.

Extradition hitch

Attempts to extradite IRA sispect Anthony Duncan from the Irish Republic face a delay of several months. The first application failed at the weekend because of flawed documents. Duncan, 26, from Dublin, was re-arrested and accused of IRA membership. That charge must be dealt with in the Irish courts before a new extradition bid.

Culpable germicide

Pest controllers sprayed a magistrates' court with germicidal mist after an arachiaphobic defendant spotted a giant spider. Officials feared it was a tarantula lost by another defendant at the Huddersfield court five months ago. Justices clerk Michael Wilson said: "We have to consider public safety."

Mr Ben Silcock

Our article "NHS accused over mentally ill killers" (15 January) referred to Mr Ben Silcock, the man mauled when he climbed mto London Zoo's lion enclosure. We wish to make it clear no suggestion was intended that Mr Silcock had killed anyone. We apologise to Mr Silcock for any distress caused.

THE INDEPENDENT ABROAD

Major: monarchy is rock-solid STEPHEN GOODWIN Though Mr Major, in a prefine exponent of a constitutional worrying message for the Royrecorded interview on BBC monarchy, so I think that the al Family John Major yesterday declared monarchy will emerge from its television's One O'Clock News Asked who should succeed Britain's constitutional monarto mark the Queen's 70th birthpresent troubles. the Queen, the Princess Royal day on 21 April, was eloquent in his praise for the Queen and chy to be "rock solid", predicting that any changes in its style

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CHRISTIAN WOLMAR Heathrow Express route.

Transport Correspondent

that it has had talks with Richard Branson's Virgin group over plans for a rail service linking the City of London directly with Heathrow Airport.
A £200,000 study by consul-

commissioned by Virgin, sugfor as little as £50m and would and the airport once the Heathrow Express to and from Paddington is completed in 1998. Virgin City Linkwould use existing lines from Moorgate to then the North London line, before linking up with the £300m

vatisation act.

"I see no reason for revolutionary changes...these things cvolve. That there will be

changes. I think is certain, but they will be gentle and they will be consistent with the rhythm and tenor of the age."
The Prime Minister was confident that people would instinctively and intellectually

decide Britain would not be better off without a monarchy. The Mori poll, commissioned for last night's World in Action on ITV, showed a continued ma-

came top with 33 per cent, leaving Charles on 26 per cent. Only 47 per cent thought the Prince of Wales could be a good monarch, compared to 82

future, though 62 per cent said they would still vote for its retention. Support for the monarchy was particularly fragile in Scot-land and Wales, where 71 per

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per cent five years ago.

cent and 70 per cent respectively jority for the monarchy, but the 2,000 voters questioned had a said they wanted a referendum at some point.

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Branson plans airport rail link

who thought so 12 years ago. and I think this Queen is a very

Railtrack yesterday confirmed

tants Steer, Davies, Gleave, gests that the link, using mostly existing track, could he built provide a 34-minute service between Moorgate in the City King's Cross Thameslink and

Virgin bopes its line can be

completed to open at the same time as - or shortly after - the Heathrow Express. Mr Branson met the Secretary of State for Transport, Sir George Young, last month to outline his plans for what would be the first rail service under the "open access" rules created by the rail pri-

Virgin is also in talks with the officials of the offices of both the Rail Regulator and the Franchising Director. A spokesman for Virgin said: "We are about halfway through the assessment of whether the project is viable. Everyone is very supportive but no one thought of the plan before. About half the cost of the line would go on infrastructure and then new trains would have to be leased."

Farmer fined £10,000 over false BSE claim

Joseph Roper signed a Min-istry of Agriculture declaration which stated the Friesian cows had come from a farm which had not experienced BSE within six years of their sale last year.

Worcester heard that Roper, 42 who owns 200-acre Lower House Farm in Suckley, Hereford and Worcester, had reported a case of BSE in June 1993. The court was told that trading standards officers from Hereford and Worcester County Council were alerted after a vet at Worcester Livestock Market received results of a routine computer check to verify the

farmer' claims.

But yesterday magistrates in

resulted from documents signed by Roper at three different sales last year. "This affects the export val-

ue of cows and their value at auction. It wasn't a requirement that everyone had to sign the de-claration but if they did it something likely to enter the showed BSE had not occurred and that affected the value of the cattle."

Mr Irshad said that Mr Roper had been informed in October 5 1993 that one of his cows had suffered from BSE before being slaughtered

This finding, he added, meant the farmer could not sell cattle under the declaration until 1999, Roper's case pre-dat-

A farmer who falsely claimed that four cows he sold at auction bad come from a BSE-free farm was yesterday fined

Mohammed Irshad, prosecuting, said that signing the declaration affected the sale value of cattle.

Mohammed Irshad, prosecuting, said that signing the declaration affected the sale value of cattle. £500 towards prosecution costs. He said the four charges had Four other similar charges were

withdrawn. Sentencing Roper, chairman of the magistrates, Brian Smith. said: "The bench feels very seriously about making false statefood chain,"

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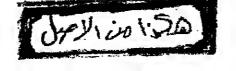
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For the defence, Chris Read had told the court that the offences had been due to a cler-ical error. He added that Roper was unaware that the cow which had died in 1993 bad officially been diagnosed as having BSE.

Mr Read said: "We are talkmg about a very busy farmer working long hours who simply mishandled his paperwork."



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Churchman 'assaulted women'

PETER VICTOR

A theology professor in the Free Church of Scotland forced himself on a 17-year-old girl and kissed her when they were alone in his house, a court

heard yesterday.
Professor Donald Macleod. 55. Professor of Systematic Theology at the church's college in Edinburgh, is alleged to have kissed or attempted to kiss four women and unbuttoned the blouse of another before fondling her breasts. He denies six charges of indecent assault involving five women, said to have taken place between 1985

The woman, now 28, told



Edinburgh Sheriff Court she had been on a visit to Edinburgh in 1985 when the incident took place in Macleod's bouse. She said that Maelcod sent his son to go to a shop to buy something. While he was out, Macleod kept asking her how she felt and she told the court that she began to feel uneasy. "I did not know what he was

looking for. He was quite agitated as well. I was fidgeting with my hands and I'm sure he told me to stop."

She said she had been sitting on the chaise-longue and being a bit of a tomboy, she had her

legs slightly apart. Macteod came and stood between her tegs, pulled ber towards him and kissed her, she said. The moment was broken when his son returned. Later, a 35-year-old statistics lecturer said she was indecent-

ly assaulted by Macleod in his study in 1986. That summer she was visiting a friend during the Edinburgh Festival and decided to contact Macleod at the college, having met him previ-ously at a conference. When she went up to his study that evening the professor told her she was an attractive woman

"At some point he started to touch me," she told the court. He fondled her hreasts and put his hand up her skirt. "I can remember talking about his wife. I can also remember saying to him that he would damage his career if t spoke up. He said nobody would believe me."

and said his wife became jeal-

Hardie, QC, defending, the woman accepted she had written to Macleod after a second alleged assault took place in a shopping centre car park. She had praised him on his preaching but had made no mention of what was meant to have happened. She had also started subscribing to the church magazine which he edited.

Asked if this was not odd behaviour, considering what was meant to have happened, the woman said she could have been in denial, which was a common reaction among victims of sexual assault.

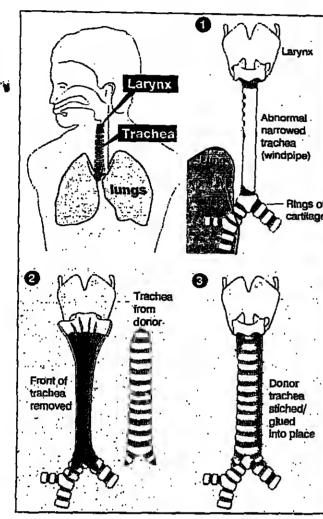
She said she had told senior churchmen in the Free Church

Cross-examined by Andrew of Scotland she would not pursue the matter unless there were any other complaints involving Maclcod, and she expected to he told of these.

But later, when the eburch appeared to have dropped investigations into her complaint, she said she had gone to the police because she was afraid that a man who committed a sexual assault would go on to offend again. But Mr Hardie said her

story "beggared belief". He suggested she had made up the assaults after Macleod bad snubbed her by not reply ing to her letters. She had made up the complaints after her attentions had been rejected. The trial continues today.

Transplant breakthrough: Trachea operation will give patients new lease of life



Throat surgery to save dozens of children

Health Editor

A team of British and German surgeons have developed a lifesaving windpipe transplant operation which, they say, will save at least 50 young lives annually in the United Kingdom and Northern Europe.

Twenty-four children aged between five months and 18 years have received a donor windpipe (trachea) so far, and 16 are now living normally after years of ill-health. Four are still undergoing treatment, and four have died, two from complications after surgery, and two from unrelated causes.

Martin Elliott, a consultant cardiacthoracic surgeon at Great Ormond Street Hospital for Sick Children in London, said the majority of children op-erated on had a congenital disorder of the windpipe. It was severely narrowed and they found it very difficult to breathe. In some bahies, the narrowing was so severe they could not breathe unaided and had to be ventilated from birth.

turned men into shrinking vio-

lets in the bedroom, according

to a study published yesterday.

Counsellors report an in-

crease in cases of impotence

among men who feel stripped of their masculinity. For the first

time they are seeing more pa-

tients with this problem than any

One in four men having psy-

chosexual therapy are being

treated for impotence, com-

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ing they are not interested in

sex. While others may feel so

emasculated they are unable to

perform, according to coun-

Mari Thorburn, head of psy-

chosexual therapy for Relate,

Some men fight back by say-

other disorder.

Men feel 'threat

in the bedroom'

Greater power for women has said: "Over the last 10 years

straw and you will get some idea of how distressing this must be," Mr Elliott said yesterday. "All the children who received the transplant had already undergone reconstructive surgery on their windpipes to alleviate the problem prior to transplantation, but the surgery had failed. Transplantation was their last

None of the children have suffered rejection of the donor windpipe, or other complications of transplantation, and none required powerful drugs which suppress the immune system and reduce rejection. The surgeons believe this is due to the preserving process applied to the donor trachea. before transplantation.

Previous attempts at wind-pipe transplants had failed, and human tracheal tissue was considered too problematic to work with. But Dr Claus Herberhold and colleagues, from the Kinder Clinic at Bonn University - the only other centre to perform this operation - had perfected a preserving technique for windpipe tissue which appears to destroy "Imagine running 100 metres its immunogenic properties.

They had used it successfully in

there has been a significant in-

crease in power for women.

"This has lead to disorder in

desire in males, with them feel-ing disinterested in sex. They

may feel that saying 'no' to sex

is the only power they have. For

others, there may be organic

reasons for their problems."

The study is based on an analysis of 3,696 cases between

For women, loss of interest

in sex is the most commonly pre-

sented problem. Fifty per cent

complained of a waning libido.

sible women of the 1990s were

less prepared to put up with un-

have unrealistic expectations -

At the same time they could

satisfactory love-making.

Ms Thorburn said it was pos-

1992 and 1994.



adults whose windpipe was damaged by injury or disease.

The windpipe tissue is re-moved from the donor within 24 hours of death, and soaked in formalin for two weeks, then thiomersal for nine weeks, followed by storage in acetone for up to two years.

We do not need to type tissue and can take it from anyone for anyone using this preserv-Mr Elliott said.

The operation, which takes three to eight hours, depending on the child's condition, involves partial removal of the narrowed segment of the windpipe which is made up of horseshoe-shaped rings of cartilage. About seven-eighths of the ring is removed from the front of the pipe, leaving a small portion at the back.

The donor tissue is then "sculpted" to the appropriate

Soy sauce

may cut

cancer risk

Women may be able to avoid

breast cancer by eating more

Chinese food, scientists will be

Soy protein found in the

Oriental diet contains chemical

compounds which appear to

mimic the action of the widely-

used breast cancer drug ta-

Biochemical Society at Liver-

Department of Nutrition and

Dietetics at King's College,

London, says this may be why

people in Japan and China

have such low rates of breast,

It could also explain why

populations consuming large

amounts of soy products have

colon and prostate cancer.

told today.

tic stent - a special tube which maintains the shape of the graft mainder in Bonn. -which is removed about three

months after surgery. It is stitched and glued into place. During the healing period, a new lining comprised of the child's own cells grows over the graft. Initially, the cells grow baphazardly and a child needs close monitoring to avoid a sudden blockage of the windpipe, but by about four months, a smooth epithelial lining cov-

ered in tiny hairs or cilia, which beat to keep the airway clear. is in place. A portion of adult windpipe in a child of seven to eight will last a lifetime, however, very young babies who undergo the transplant may need another. larger graft as they grow, Mr El-

Five children have been op-

erated on at Great Ormond Street since 1991, and the re-

About 50 children a year in the UK and Northern Europe are expected to benefit from the operation, and the results of the pioneering British/German treatment will be presented at the American Association of Thoracic Surgeons, later this month.

Lindsey Desoto, 33, from Lakenheath in Suffolk, whose daughter Sarah, was born with severe narrowing of the windpipe, said yesterday that she had resigned berself to the child's death after various treatments had failed.

"Then she had the transplant at 18 months and has been absolutely fine. She is like any other normal three-year-old and just as happy as her twin, Adam," she said.

'Warm pants' too close for comfort

revealed yesterday. Sportsmen and women who wear the fashionable neoprene shorts known as "warm pants" – may run the risk of developing harmful blood clots, a new case

study has shown. moxifen, a meeting of the The pants, which compress the thighs, are supposed to pool University will hear. Dr Helen Wiseman, of the stimulate the blood circulation by massage and to counteract swelling. But in a scientific pa-per published yesterday doctors describe a 25-year-old man who developed pain and swelling in his left leg after five months regularly wearing a pair of the shorts during weight training

Tests showed he had a clot in fed by women's magazines. | | a low incidence of heart disease. | the large vem of his leg, the allowing venous pooling."

and exercise bike sessions.

Tight sports pants designed to length of which corresponded to prevent muscular injury conceal the area confined by the pants. a hidden danger, doctors Despite treatment to thin his blood and break up the clot it moved to his lung - a potentially life-threatening condition.

Reporting in the Postgraduate Medical Journal, Dr Nigel Jowett, from Withybush General Hospital in Pembrokeshire, said it was possible that a fractured hip the patient had suffered in a car accident four years earlier might have compounded the tourniquet effect of the pants. The paper concluded: "Whilst the pants may control swelling within the covered area, any exercise induced swelling outside the garment will

oot be controlled allowing an exacerbation of this tourniquet effect, slowing venous return and

Tory chief faced 999

The Tory party chairman, Dr Brian Mawhinney, told a court vesterday how he and his wife were splattered with orange paint shortly after the State Opening of Parliament last year.

delay

The politician said flour was also hurled at them by a number of demonstrators as they walked from the Houses of Parliament along nearby Ab-hingdon Green. The Tory MP Alan Duncan also told Bow Street magistrates' court in cen-tral London that it took four 999 calls to get police to the scene.
He said that despite re-

questing their "swift atten-dance" it was at least 20 minutes before officers finally turned up. In the end he attempted to make a citizen's arrest of some of those allegedly involved in the paint and flour protest against the Immigration and Asylum Bill. The court was told that the

top level police inquiry. It resulted in police apologies to both the Cabinet minister and his Parliamentary private sec-retary Mr Duncan.

delay was later the subject of a

Before the court are four students Karen Doyle, 19, of Camden; Naveed Malik, 18, of Clapton; Amanda Egbe, 20, of Stoke Newington; Nick De Marco, 28, of Clapton; and a teacher Anthony Gard, 54, of

Brockley, all London. They all deny two charges of common assault and one of threatening behaviour on 15 November last year.

Stuart Sampson, for the pros-ecution, claimed that all except Mr De Marco were directly involved in burling plastic bags of orange paint and flour at Dr Mawhinney and his wife Betty.

One of the bags of paint caught the politician on the back, splattering Mrs Mawhinney in the process. She later told police the incident left her with a £500 hill for damages to her clothing and handbag.

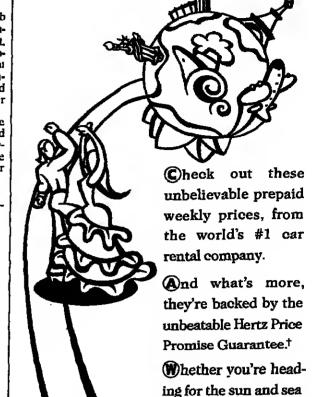
Mr Sampson said the Crown's case against Mr De Marco, a former history and philosophy A-level student and president of the students' union at King's College, London, until his expulsion after the attack, was that he "actively encouraged" the others to take part in

what occurred. Dr Mawhinney, the MP for Peterborough, who had to run a gauntlet of placard-waving demonstrators, chanting "racist, racist" as he arrived and left the heavily-policed court building. spent 40-minutes in the witness box to speak publicly for the first time about the lunchtime incident shortly after the State

Opening of Parliament.
Just before the case was adjourned until today, Stephen Bevan, for Mr De Marco, unsuccessfully argued that his client had no case to answer. But the magistrate told him that even though the former student did not throw any of the missiles, he was clearly in the "thick of it" and there a prima facie case against him.



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Refugee, 85, sent for Britain's first war crimes trial

ROS WYNNE-JONES

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Britain's first war crimes case is to go ahead after an 85-year-old refugee was committed for trial yesterday accused of murdering three Jews in the Second

Szymon Serafinowicz is charged under the 1991 War Crimes Act with the murder of three unnamed Jews in Bye-lorussia, now Belarus, during Nazi occupation of the former Soviet republic.

After a two-month committal hearing, Dorking magistrates ruled there was sufficient evidence to commit Mr Serafinowicz for trial at the Old Bailey. The court had heard testimony from 16 witnesses, some of whom flew in from the United States, South Africa, Siberia and Israel. Details of the

ed for legal reasons.

the original charges was dropped and Peter Badge, the chief metropolitan magistrate, said there was a case to answer on a new charge, that Mr Serafinowicz had murdered an unnamed Jew at Dolmatowsz-

czyzna, in Byelorussia. Mr Serafinowicz, a retired carpenter, looked blank as the charges were read out and appeared not to register the presence of his sons Kazimierz, 49,

and Szymon, 52, in court. He settled in Britain after the war with his Polish-born wife, who died some years ago. In July 1995 he was arrested at his home in Banstead, Surrey, and charged, after a two-year inquiry by Scotland Yard's war crimes unit. The 1991 Act meant the

proceedings cannot be report- Crown Prosecution Service could bring charges even though the alleged offences hap-

Nicholas Bowers, for the defence, said his client was "delighted" one of the charges had been dropped. "He is looking forward to establishing his in-

nocence before a jury," he said. The first charge against Mr Serafinowicz alleges he mur-dered an unknown Jew in Mir, Byelorussia, in November 1941: the second that he murdered an unknown Jew at Krymiczne, Byelorussia, between December 1941 and March 1942; and the third that he murdered an unknown Jew at Dolmatowszczyzna between November 1941 and March 1942.

to appear at the Old Bailey next month for a pre-trial hearing.

How to take a pill.



On trial: Szymon Serafinowicz being driven away after the committal decision

PC is jailed for uts karate attack univ

left in ruins yesterday when he was jailed for three months for launching a "totally unpro-voked" karate attack on a

custody. PC Colin Leask, 29, of the Grampian force, appeared for sentencing at Aberdeen Sheriff Court after earlier being found guilty of assaulting 19-year-old Kevin McGeachy, who was being held in a cell at police headquarters in Aberdeen last July. Leask, a martial arts expert

since the age of 12, had denied the assault charge. He was released on bail pending appeal. The court had been told at

the earlier hearing how 18stone Leask kicked Mr McGeachy between the legs before unleashing a flurry of blows to his head and throwing him to the ground where he split

Mr McGeachy had been un-der the influence of drink and drugs at the time and had been taken into custody for a strip

A police constable's career was search following a disturbance, in Aberdeen city centre, the trial was told.

Other officers in the cell said Leask's attack was totally un-

Leask claimed he only used a martial arts self-defence technique when he thought Mr McGeachy was about to kick

and hit him. Mr Shepherd told the court his client's eight-year career in the police force was "now in ru-

Jailing Leask, Sheriff Graeme Warner said society would "return to the old days of South Africa if policemen were allowed to beat up people they didn't care for very much He would be failing in his duty if he did not send Leask 10 prison. It was totally unaccept-

able for police officers to assaul people in custody. During the trial, the court was told that Leask was a black belt in karate and expert in various forms of martial arts. He had competed in martial arts tournaments at home and abroad.

Potter's daughter tells of 'unreal' last days

MARIANNE MACDONALD Media Correspondent

The daughter of the writer Dennis Potter yesterday described watching her father slave to complete his final two dramas - knowing he had only weeks before he died of cancer.

Sarah Potter was speaking at the launch of the television series of Karaoke and Cold Lazarus, which will be shown on both Channel 4 and BBC1 in response to Potter's dving wish. Karaoke starts on BBC1 on 28 April and Cold Lazarus runs on Channel 4 from 26 May.

Karaoke is the story of Daniel Feeld, a writer given months to live, who believes the characters in his latest film are coming alive around him. Before he dies Feeld - played by Alhert Finney - freezes his head. Cold Lazarus, set in 2368, de-

tails attempts to reactivate it.
Potter's own last months were particularly painful because his wife, Margaret, was also diagnosed as having ter-minal cancer. Potter survived



Albert Finney: Starring role her by a week before he died in

June 1994.

His daughter said: "Those days were almost unreal. Watching Dad, we knew it was harder for him to bear mother's

demise than his own."
Finney said: "We all wonder how we would handle such a situation if we were told we only had weeks to live. I'd probably lock myself in Oddbins [the wine otic spot.

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be taken.

everyday problem. But in most cases blind people are not given the basic information they require in an accessible form. The Royal National Institute for the Blind (RNIB) is campaigning for companies to make information available in formats such as tape, braille, large print and computer disk to meet the needs of their blind customers. Contrary to popular belief, many blind people possess enough sight to read print if it is large and clear enough. RNIB offers advice on the production of legible information so that blind people don't have to go through the daily frustration of relying on others to read out their letters.

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For many blind people the phone is a very immediate form of communication. RNIB is pushing for it to be used more widely for recording information and as a talking bill service - a plan already adopted by many utility companies. RNIB also provides many thousands of documents in braille for both individuals and companies. Most of these improvements are relatively inexpensive and are essential if blind people are to lead independent lives. Maybe you know someone with poor or failing sight who may benefit from the services we offer. If you would like more information about RNIB please call us on 0345 023040.

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* Cuts hit status of UK universities abroad

DOUL HIIGUL Education Editor.

British universities, long regarded as the best in the world, are in danger of losing their international status in research, according to a report from four leading academies published

Research money will have to be concentrated in a few élite universities if British research is to keep its credibility abroad, claims the controversial report from the British Academy, the Conference of Medical Royal Colleges, the Royal Academy of Engineering and the Royal

They acknowledge that this will be unpopular but argue that it is inescapable given funding restrictions imposed by the

Britain's research capability, they conclude, is already crum-hling. In 1993 we spent just 2.1 do top class work i abroad permanently."

per cent of GDP on research and development compared with 2.8 per cent in Japan and 2.7 per cent in the United States. Germany and France also spent a higher percentage of GDP than Britain.
"We bold bottom position,

suggesting that the UK re-search base is underfunded when viewed on the international stage," says the report. Meanwhile, increasing staffstudent ratios are cutting the time academics have for research. Funding per student

fell by about 20 per cent in the five years up to 1993-4. The environment for high quality research is also in decline as libraries, equipment and huildings deteriorate. The report comments: "Our best researchers should not feel that the only way they can find an environment in which they can do top class work is to go

money for higher education should be distributed selec-tively. "We believe that it is in the national interest that research should be supported ad-equately even if this means reducing the volume."

of Schwyn College, Cambridge, who chaired the working group, said universities should con-centrate on what they did best and he funded accordingly. Teaching should have a higher status and not he regarded as a poor relation of research. We want universities to maximise funding from as many sources as possible and we take no comfort from the latest pro-

spending. The report says it has become increasingly difficult for new fields of research to establish themselves. The concentration of funds has already begun

jections of government research

It argues that government with 54 per of all research income going to 15 universities. A spokesman for the Asso-

ciation of University Teachers said he agreed with the report's conclusion about funding difficulties but strongly opposed the idea of more selec-Dr David Harrison, Master tivity which would deprive many talented researchers of funding.

"We should like to see the available money spread more thinly. More concentration would effect our ability to recruit the best hrains in the university system. If they can't get a place here, they will go to Cal-ifornia or Boston."

But the Committee of Vice-Chancellors and Principals welcomed the report. A spokesman said: "There are so many good ideas and so little money that we have to make sure the moncy is not being spent on secondrate ideas. It may be regrettable hut is inevitable in the present



Light-footed: Benazir Hussein and Jonathan Cope during rehearsals for Illuminations, part of the Frederick Ashton tripla bill performed by the Royal Ballet, which opened at Covent garden last night Photograph: Laurie Lewis

Jail staff 'left suicide-risk inmate alone'

HEATHER MILLS Home Affairs Correspondent

A suicidal woman suffocated herself soon after admission to Holloway jail in north London, after a prison officer dismissed police warnings and staff left her

alone for 90 minutes. Claire Bosley, 34, killed herself by stuffing toilet tissue down her throat and blocking her airways - a successful repeat of one of three earlier attempts she had made on her life in the previous 72 hours in police custody.

But despite both a telephoned and written warning from police that Mrs Bosley posed an "exceptional risk" of suicide, the senior reception officer at Holloway reached a different conclusion. Yesterday Pauline Martindale, told a London inquest into Mrs Bosley's death: "My assessment was that although she was distressed risk. She did not give the im-pression she was in crisis."

Mrs Bosley - who apparent-ly unknown to prison staff had been diagnosed as suffering paranoid depression - was placed alone in a holding room in the prison reception area. She went in to an adjacent lavatory and thrust five sheets of toilet tissue down the back of her throat. Professor David Bowen, the pathologist, said she would have had to have been determined in order to overcome a natural impulse to gag.

Her absence went unnoticed for 90 minutes as prison staff checked in and processed three other prisoners admitted to the jail after her.

Mrs Bosley had been arrested and charged last November after confessing to stabbing her husband, Barry, to death. A police psychiatrist, who had been called to see if Mrs Bosley

was fit to be questioned, had de-

cided she had been depressed

ousy of her husband and decided that because of the nature of her offence - and her mental state - the best place for her to be was in a prison hospital. She was remanded to Holloway on 25 November, last Her death, the second in the country's largest women's jail last year, occurred just one

since May, when she suffered

her second ectopic pregnancy, leaving her unable to have any

more children. He believed she

had developed a morhid jeal-

week before the Chief Inspector of Prisons walked out of the troubled prison in protest at the Yesterday an inquest jury at the City of London coroner's court was told that since Mrs

Bosley's death - the first to occur in the jail's reception area - those prisoners arriving with the red-ringed "Pol 1" written held near an office where they can be supervised. But Michael Ainsworth, Holloway's deputy governor, ad-

mitted that although staff were trained in suicide awareness there were neither national nor local written protocols on what should be done, when "risk" prisoners arrive.

Pauline Martindale, who said she had worked at Holloway for 12 years, estimated that about 30 per cent of all women sent to Holloway arrive with a risk warning. On the Saturday of Mrs Bosley's reception there were only five staff on duty and three of those were dealing with two disruptive immates. Earlier, David Rummins

Mrs Bosley's brother had told the inquest how his sister, a secretary, had driven with her son to her parents' bouse and told them she had killed her husband in the bedroom of their home in Basingstoke, Hampshire. The hearing continues today.

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DAILY POEM

Four Haiku Poets translated by James Kirkup

Fresh grass in springtime: on each cross, a soldier's name and his country's name

Yamazaki Hisac

A beautiful boy – easy come, but easy go thin ice in springtime

Nagata Koi

Have the forsythias at Yotsuyamitsuke begun blooming yet?

Kinichi Sawaki

Leaving the castle, one cherry blossom petal still drifting on air

Yamaguchi Seishi

They are by no means the whole of Japanese poetry, but haiku are the best known expression of it in the West, writes James Kirkup. Unfortunately English readers have been misled by bad translations that do not respect either the meaning or the form of haiku. For complete aesthetic satisfaction, the haiku even in translation should also be based on the 5-7-5 syllable pattern. As Auden once said to me: "Where's the fun of haiku if you don't obey the rules?" Alas, too many Western poets today have abandoned them. Haiku subjects can be grim, sordid, ugly, shocking: hat the form transcends the theme. War, sickness, madness, death, natural disaster all find their place in this poetic art. The oldest haiku poet living in Japan is Nagata Koi, now 96 years of age, who survived the Kobe carthquake.

James Kirkup is President of the British Haikn Society. His A Certain State of Mind: An Anthology of Classic, Modern and Contemporary Japanese Haiku is published by the University of Salzburg Press.

Judges told to dispel 'aloof' image

Judges were told yesterday to bans, Hertfordshire, that the shed their crusty image and start speaking out publicly to show they were in touch with ordinary

The Lord Chief Justice said it was up to the judiciary to prove they did not 'live on another planet" and be prepared to air their views.

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Lord Taylor warned that criticism of the court system was reaching new heights after decades of apparently aloof behaviour by the judiciary.

media was scrutinising court cases as never before - often pushing reporting rules to the limit. "TV, radio and newspaper critics do not shrink from substituting their assessments for those made by the court. They lambast the judiciary for failing

the public's demands," he said. "A legacy from past reticence is that judges have acquired and still retain a reputation for being aloof and

to satisfy what they conceive to

be - and indeed aim to shape as

for holding themselves apart. The media often couple this perception with allegations, not borne out by the facts, that

judges are out of touch.
"No doubt at one time it was acceptable for judges to restrict their pronouncements to giving judgment or passing sentences, but the shift in public attitudes under the growing influence of the media calls for a different approach.

"It is simply no longer sensi-ble to remain silent when so much attention, much of it high-

ly critical, is focused on courts stemming from all those years have chosen to stick to their traabsence of any reply it would be assumed against the judges that they were so arrogant and complacent as to believe they could

ignore criticism or that they had

no good answer to it. Lord Taylor said judges should on occasion be prepared to speak out and be ready to answer criticisms and explain policies. "If judges do speak out on topics which concern the public they may overcome the widely held belief.

and the judicial process. In the of lofty reticence, that they are out of touch or even, as has been

said, living on another planet.
"It should not be done too often, but it can and does have a role to play in the evolution and development of a sound legal system in which the public can have confidence."

Judges have theoretically been free to speak out on matters of public interest since the Lord Chancellor scrapped "vow of silence" rules in 1987.

With few exceptions they

ditional role of restricting their remarks to judgments made in court and relying on the media to give a balanced view of the case and the reasons behind sentences. Lord Taylor said curbs on the media could be necessary to "deter gross excesses" and courts could play a part in heading off inaccurate

or misleading reporting. Judges were now prepared in certain complex cases to issue written summaries of their findings aimed at explaining judgments to the public through the media. But he again rejected pressure for television cameras to be allowed in courts as stressful to witnesses, potentially damaging to justice and likely to generate the kind of media circus that marked the OJ Simp-

son trial in the United States. Lord Taylor, who took up the post four years ago, has led the way in making his views public and is taking a prominent role in opposing tougher mandatory sentencing proposed by Michael Howard, the Home Secretary.

Red hot' video led to sack from fire service

A firefighter was sacked after making a "hard-core" porno-graphic video with his girlfriend which joked about the fire service, an industrial tribunal was

told yesterday.

Sub Officer Mark Gregory.

26, is heard in the film telling the woman to say "what do you think of the firemen now" and this one's for Red Watch.

Mr Gregory, of Nuthall, Nottinghamshire, was sacked for gross misconduct from Nottinghamshire Fire and Rescue Service last August after copies of the video were circulated and shown in at least five fire stations across the county.

The Nottingham tribunal heard Mr Gregory made the film in a hotel in West Bridgford, Nottingham, with his girl-friend in March last year.

Assistant Chief Fire Officer Trevor Newton, who investigated the case and watched the video, told the tribunal that Red Watch had later been shown the film. He said: "This was clearly a reference to the fire service.

"I saw a considerable part of the video. It was very pornographic in nature and quite clearly featured Sub Officer Gregory. I recognised him straight away. He appeared in the video with a girl called Janine. He was quite clearly directing this young lady as to what to do and where to go. It was not a soft glamour type video, it was hard-core pornography by any definition, confirmed by the police vice squad."

The references to the fire services "clearly suggested it was for more than private use".

Mr Newton said one officer had told him Mr Gregory had said he intended to "make a lot of money out of it".

He also claimed that Mr Gregory had distributed copies of the video to two colleagues - committing a criminal offence, although he had not been charged with a criminal offence - and had spoken openly about the film in particular to a number of women working

in the fire service.

Mr Gregory admitted the film was poroographic hut is claiming he was unfairly dismissed. He claims the fire brigade breached its regulations in dismissing him, its investigation of the facts was insufficient and he was never given written reasons for the dismissal. The former officer, who served with the brigade for eight years, said the video was intended to be private. He said: "I made the film off duty, in my own time and I was not in uni-

He said that he only made copies after two friends asked for these and he intended the soundtrack to be crased and replaced with music. The hearing continues today.

Better English for the young

GOUL HTIQUI

Foreigners take more pride in improving their spoken English than English people do, Trevor McDonald, ITN newscaster and chairman of the Better English Campaign, said yesterday.

Announcing plans to help

young people speak and write better English, he said: "We are cursed by the tendency to take English too much for granted. To me it is extraordinary that we should neglect English when many people round the world are rushing to learn it." Other countries were more conscious

of the power of language.

The campaign, which costs the Government £250,000 a ear, plus the salaries of two civil servants, was launched by Gillian Shephard, the Secretary of State for Education, at last year's Conservative party conference. Campaigners are sending out leaflets urging people to host Scrabble contests or set up word challenges as part of their local pub quiz to improve the

Employers will be sent leaflets urging them to sponsor public speaking competitions, or campaign weeks on local radio. They will also be asked to explain to unsuccessful joh applicants if their rejection was due to poor English. Firms which want to become Better English employers must agree to promote the campaign's aims in staff recruitment and training and to offer interview practices апо сопеде:

Mr McDonald was surprised to discover that many people were arriving at university illequipped to express themselves in both spoken and written English. However, he emphasised that he was not asking schools to shoulder the blame for the lack of basic communication skills among school

"There are people who do very well at school who still lack the skill to present themselves

Culloden marks another milestone in myth

James Cusick reports on the war of words 250 years after the bloodiest battle

The last sanctioned attempt at "ethnic cleansing" on British soil
will be remembered today.

The 250th anniversary of the battle of Culloden, where Charles Edward Stuart's Jacobite army were slaughtered by government forces under the command of George II's younger son, has prompted a reevaluation of the battle's importance. The Scots trounced by the English? A tragic civil war?

In a new exhibition at the National Trust's visitor centre at Culloden, near Inverness, the Dukes of Argyll and Atholl, whose ancestors fought on opposing sides, bave offered evaluations of the battle. Their views indicate the debate may have another 250 years to run.

Culloden, or more accurate-ly Drummossie Moor, was the end of the 1745 Rising. Bonnie Prince Charlie, the Young Pre-tender, had landed at Moidart on Scotland's west coast in July 1745. His aim was to reclaim the British Crown for his father. If the background was that

simple, there would be far less poetry and myth written about Culloden. "Something was cut down here, which never grew again," wrote Neal Ascherson in the Independent on Sunday. Like the revisionist Jacobite

music which is still played, and wept to, in Scottish folk clubs throughout the tartan diaspora, Culloden is the last time Scotland tried, and heroically failed, to regain nationhood. But separating myth and martyrdom from reality is not easy.

ine misioman Professor Christopher Smout, now retired from St Andrews University, believes Culloden should stand for the tragedies of all civil wars and the 250th anniversary could have been used to build an international monument to those, like the people of Yugoslavia or Rwanda, who have suffered in such conflict.

The 1707 Union of Scotland and England, the death of the last of the Stuarts, Anne, in 1714, and the Hanoverian accession, are all part of the Cul-



Fighting talk: Mark MacKenzie, left, and Graeme De Sainte Croix enact a clash between the Duke of Cumberland and Prince Charlie on the 250th anniversary of Culloden; and right, clansmen remember the fallen with flowers Photograph: Peter Jolly

loden legend. With the Stuarts exiled, Scotland was divided between Roman Catholic and Episcopal and the "established" Presbyterian church, divided between the Highlands and the mercantile classes of Glasgow even divided by clan into pro-

government and pro-Jacobite. Charles Stuart, if history is trying to be kind, found himself in the right place at the right time. Scotland was caught neatly in the middle of Europe's turning power struggle. He believed that if won brave hearts in Scotland the French would 6,000 Scots formed the Jacobite army that went as far as Derby.

north. If he had gone on would the French have helped him take London? That is another myth in the tragedy of Culloden. However, Professor Smout

believes "Culloden means a little bit more than the last fling in both armies. And throughout Scotland there were many who were cynical of the high politics of the time".

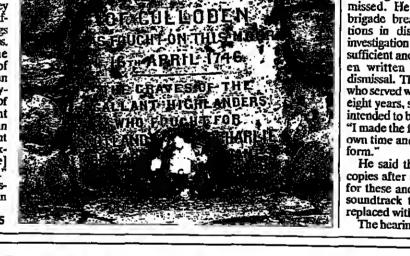
The slaughter at the end of the 40 minute battle is another unsubstantiated aspect of the conflict. But Professor Smout believes Cumberland's hatred of the Scots meant "nore than just assist him in England. Just over a nod and wink to his officers" to carry out the slaughter of around 1,500 out of 4,500 who faced Cumberland's 9,000 Culloden was the bloody end as the Bonnie Prince retreated troops and heavy artillery.

The Duke of Atholl believes the new Culloden exhibition is remembering a civil war. The 1707 Union, he says, "rankled with many Scots, who felt they had lost control of their own affairs", and the Jacobite risings

While going along with the notion of civil war, the Duke of Argyll, the bead of the Clan Campbell, disagrees on everything else. The vast majority of the Clan Campbell fought staunchly for the Hanoverian Succession and the Protestant faith ... I am profoundly thankful that he [the Bonnie Prince] never got to the British throne."

As they omit to say in the history books, this one is set to run

Andrew Marr, page 15



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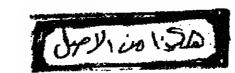
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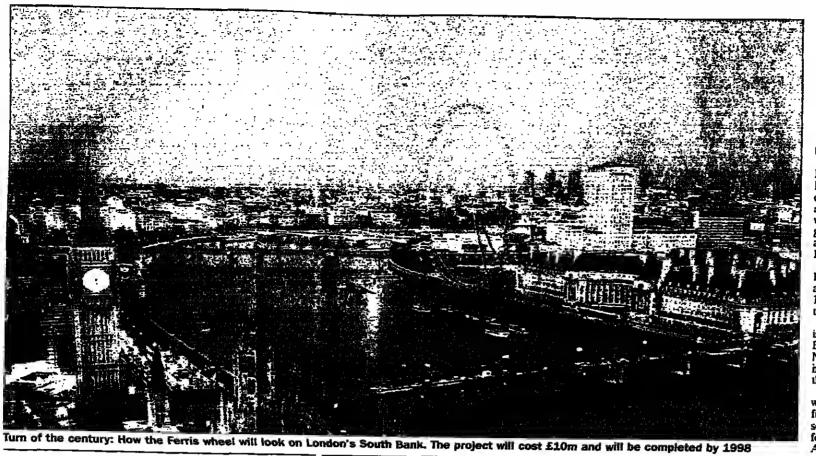
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South Bank regeneration: Lottery grant for £40m National Theatre repairs as private sector backs 500-ft millennium skyride



Airline funds world's biggest Ferris wheel,

MICHAEL STREETER

Plans to build the world's largest Ferris wheel on a site overlooking the River Thames and the Palace of Westminster will in effect be given the go-ahead tomorrow with the innouncement of funding by

British Airways.
The 500ft-high Millennium Ferris is expected to cost £9.5m and should be revolving by 1998 in Juhilee Gardens, next to the old County Hall.

The wheel is the latest move

in the regeneration of the South Bank, coinciding with the National Theatre winning £31m in lottery money this week from the Arts Council for renovation. lronically, the Ferris project will not receive any lottery funding. Instead MPs will be soon able to gaze at a triumph for private finance as British Airways is expected to anprovide the bulk of the funding. An estimated two million visitors a year will be treated to panoramic views of Loodon as they travel at a gentle 1.5ft per second. A round trip will take about 20 minutes and will cost hetween £3 and £5.

More than half the energy ecded to propel the wheel will be provided by the river Thames's tidal power, while the 60 all-weather cars will be

lit and heated by solar panels. The scheme is the idea of the London-based architects David Marks and Julia Barfield, regarded as among the most innovative of their generation. Mr Marks has said: "We wanted to come up with something that wasn't just another dumh monument." But yesterday he was reluctant to talk before this week's announcement. Final approval is expected in June from Lambeth council, in whose area the development will take place. The creators plan to keep the wheel there for five years and theo move to

However, the giant wheel is not without critics. Lord St John of Fawsley, the former Cabinet minister and now chairman of the Royal Fine Art Commission, has attacked it as wholly unsuitable for this part of London".

Meanwhile the Arts Council is due to announce a £31m lot-tery grant to the National Theatre. Theatre officials have been reassured it will get the money for £42m repairs to the front of house, backstage and roof. This will be dwarfed, however, if the South Bank succeeds in an application for £127m to spruce up the Royal Festival Hall, reigniting the controver-sy over "elitist" lottery grants.

Schools to face teacher shortage

FRAN ABRAMS **Education Correspondent**

Schools will face massive teacher shortages before the end of the decade, it was revealed last night. The profession oeeds an injection of new blood to meet a rise in pupil numbers but the number of applicants is falling dramatically.

An extra £L6m is to be put into recruitment campaigns in the oext year, but the initiative is unlikely to prevent a major Ministers have promised to increase the oumber of teacher trainees from oumber applying to become secondary teachers has dropped by 12 per cent since this time last year and it seems that the profession is waning in popularity.

Last night experts in the field said young people were being put off applying by their own teachers, who were telling them to avoid teaching at all costs.

The problems of poor wages and low morale which have dogged the profession for years were now being compounded by a spate of redundancies and early retirements, they said. Many schools have got rid of older, more expensive staff because of cuts. In the past new entrants had often cited job security as an advantage of going into teaching, bot now they were unsure even about this.

Another possible explana-tion is that Britain is coming out of recession and graduates had more chance of finding a joh in another, more lucrative field.

At the beginning of this month, just 15,000 people had applied for places on post-graduate courses for secondary school teachers, compared with 17,000 at the same time last year. In shortage subjects such as

maths and sciences, the situation was much worse. In physics the number had dropped by 37 per cent from 470 to 300 and in maths it had dropped by 28 per ceot to 1,060.

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ing by 13 per cent to almost 1,000, and the total applications for primary school teaching up 3 per cent to 12,300.

Anthea Millett, chief executive of the Teacher Training Agency, which oversees recruitment initiatives, said there might be a late surge in applications during the summer term, but admitted that the real problems would come at

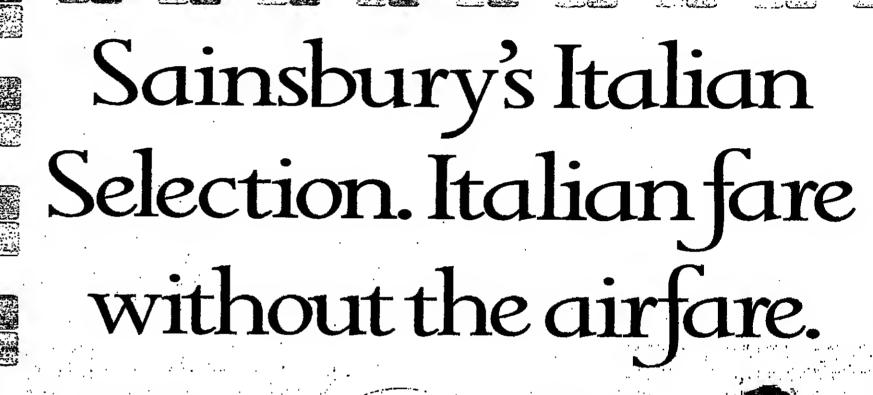
the end of the decade. "We recognise that we will have a shortfall in subjects which are difficult to recruit to, but the real issue is what new 20,000 to 30,000 per year in the strategies we put in place to secure a detter situation at t time when we will have diffi-

culties," she said. However, teacher trainers said last night that the profession's image had hit rock hot-tom and the Government was doing little to put the situation right. Ted Wragg, professor of education at the University of Exeter, said he had been pre-dicting a crisis in teacher re-cruitment for three years but ministers had taken little notice.

Almost all the students who came for interview at Exeter had been put off teaching by its poor image and many had heeo advised by experienced teachers to do something else instead he said. One young woman had met her old head teacher in the street and had told her of her intention to become a teacher. The head had replied that she must be mad and that if she had her time again she would not go into teaching.

"In the past people thought teaching might pay lower salaries, but at least it was a secure and fulfilling job. Now people feel it is still hadly paid

and a number of teachers have been fired," he said. David Blunkett, Labour's ed-ucatioo spokesman, said figures illustrated the Government's failure to plan for the needs of schools. "It is vital that we do all we can to attract good graduates into the profession so that Some areas were more these shortages can be tackled healthy, with applicants for before they hit hard," he said.





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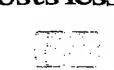


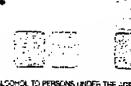












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Trojan gold fuels rift over war treasures

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To the considerable irritation of Germany, the Russians will today unveil one of the most hreathtaking archaeological finds in history—a collection of gold from ancient Troy, which the Red Army seized in Berlin at the end of the Second World

More than 250 pieces unearthed by a German amateur archaeologist will go on display in Moscow for the first time, despite repeated German claims that the treasures belong to them and ought to he given

The Trojan gold, a tiny fraction of the many thousands of works of art which the Soviet Union seized at the end of the war, have become the focal point in a row over wartime booty that has marred Germany's otherwise friendly relations with the Kremlin.

The collection's existence in Russia only became known in 1993, when the Pushkin Museum astonished the world by revealing that it was in its possession. It is known as King Priam's Treasure because its dis-

coverer in 1873 - Heinrich Schliemann - was convinced it belonged to Priam, the King of Troy who featured in Homer's *Iliad*. Experts have since dated it to long before Homer - some

Yesterday, Germany's amhassador to Moscow, Ernst York von Studnitz, was putting on the hravest face that anyone could be expected to wear, given that he was contemplating hillions of pounds worth of sparkling treasure - from basket-shaped gold earrings to a solid gold gravy boat - that his country lays claim to.

"I think it is a step towards normalcy that these things are now, after 50 years in hiding, finally surfacing again," he said, "But I would not say this is a

matter for rejoicing."
The German embassy was a little more forthright. It issued a statement lamenting that the issue had arisen "when German-Russian relations are especially close and built on trust and when Germany regards itself as the best partner of Russia". Their pique is hardly surprising; only a few weeks ago, Helmut Kohl swept into

Moscow in a trip which clearly

boosted Boris Yeltsins's presidential campaign

The Pushkin exhibition is another chapter in a long feud over art seized by the Red Army. In 1990, amid the enphoria following the end of the Cold War, Russia and Germany signed a "good neighbours' treaty providing for the mutual return of wartime booty. But Russia has remained reluctant, and negotiations have run into trouble. Russians have tended to ar

gue that their haul of priceless treasures from Germany is rightfully theirs, as restitution for the colossal damages and losses inflicted by the Nazis. The Soviet Union under Stalin which saw at least 500 museums destroyed by Hitler's army - set about gathering booty methodically Art experts were dispatched to Germany with specific orders to collect art, and to arrange for its shipment back to the Soviet Union.

The signs are that much of it will stay in Russian hands for a while yet. Asked about the prospects for the return of King Priam's gold to Berlin, Mr von Studnitz replied gloomily: "I am

each exercise properly. And you

problems often disappear.

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Priceless: A Russian journalist admires a solid gold sauceboat, part of the Trojan collection, at the Pushkin Museum yesterday

Photograph: Sergei Karpukhin

Governor must. go, say defiant islanders

PHIL DAVISON

Local politicians in the Turks and Carcos Islands have accused Britain of threatening the Caribbean islands with military intervention and reiterated their demand that the British Governor, Martin Bourke, be

At a meeting on the island of Grand Turk, the local government and opposition, united against the Governor, told visiting Minister of Section 1. iting Minister of State at the Foreign Office, Sir Nicholas Bonsor, they would refuse to work with Mr Bourke.

In a letter handed to Sir Nicholas, Chief Minister Derek Taylor and opposition leaders criticised Britain for reported-ly sending a warship off their coast after portraying the is-landers as "violent and lawless". We ask that all threats of

military intervention be called off," the politicians said, adding that Britain should pay compensation for any money lost in tourism or investment as a result of recent negative publicity, which they hlame on the Governor.

The crisis broke in February when Mr Bourke, a 49-year-old career diplomat who has been Governor of the British dependent territory since 1993, spoke in an interview of drugtrafficking, police corruption and growing crime. The local

government and opposition, uniting for the first time, accused him of damaging tourism and investment prospects and demanded he be recalled.

It was Sir Nicholas Bonsor who rejected that demand carlier this month, when a Turks and Caicos Islands delegation visited Whitehall.

Reiterating their demand, the local politicians told Sir Nicholas: "We were left utterdismayed by Her Majesty's Government's handling of the people's petition and more so by HMG's actions in this matter, including attempts at portraying the leadership and people of the TCI as violent and lawless, resulting in the deployment of a British warship off the TCI.

Sir Nicholas reportedly insisted that the vessel, believed to be the frigate HMS Brave, was in the area for reasons unconnected with the crisis over the Governor. He also repeated Britain's position that Mr Bourke would not he recalled.

Governors generally stay a minimum of three years but their assignment is open-ended "at Her Majesty's pleasure". The previous governor was in the TCI for six and a half years. Mr Bourke's three-year minimum, with holiday time, will be up in September and there are rumours in Whitehall that his

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Until recently, the city of Roubaix was known across France for one thing; the annual Paris-Roubaix cycle race, which is contested for 50 of its 250 kilometres over the uniquely tiring cohbled surfaces of northern

towns and villages.

Last weekend, though, as competitors formed up for this year's race, Roubaix's image for tough hut honest sporting en-deavour was eclipsed by a quite different and far less inspiring

Three weeks before, the city events that began with a car bomb outside police headquarters and ended with a chase, shoot-out and hostagetaking in Belgium. In between, there had been

a siege and gunfight in the city's grim backstreets in which four men were killed, two policemen injured and a house gutted. Automatic weapons and grenades, along with funda-mentalist Islamic literature. were found in the ruins. To Roubaix's detractors, who

tillation of almost every French ill - industrial decline, unemployment, immigrant ghettos, the spread of Islamic fundamentalism, drug trafficking, violence - here was proof. But the first response from the anthorities was soothing, along the lines of: "Just a spot

of gangsterism; it's all over

already regarded it as the dis-

The second response evinced anxiety verging on panic: links hetween this violence and Isamic fundamentalist terrorism could not entirely be ruled out, said Jean-Louis Dehré, the Interior Minister. After years of neglect, Roubaix had become a

national concern. The usual approach to Roubaix from Paris is by the rccently completed tramway from Lille. From there, it is hard to believe everything that is said about the town: there are landscaped parks, hroad green verges and large houses, remi-niscent of solid Victorian suburbs in Britain.

However, as the tram reaches its terminus, two minutes' walk from Roubaix's central square and town hall, it is evi-

Mary Dejevsky in Roubaix sees the appeal that religion has for a 'betrayed' generation

French rust belt provides

ready recruits for Islam

dent all is far from well. It has the look of every unhappy French city.

There is a profusion of graffiti and litter; listless gatherings of poorly dressed young people, many of them brown, fewer black and white; streets of boarded-up shops; elderly people scuttling along the inside edge of the pavement with modest bags of shopping.

There is abundant evidence of regeneration efforts, most for cbeap: gaudy metal frames and buildings set at jaunty angles, in-

None of this by itself explains why Roubaix should over the past year or so have come to combine some of the most violent crime in France - with the acknowledged spread of fundamentalist Islam among a younger generation born and educated for the most part en-

tirely in France. One theory is scotched at the outset by everyone you ask in Roubaix. It is not, as Philippe Aziz, author of a recent book the short term and done on the states, a city with a non-French majority - bowever non-French

In backstreets near the scene of the gunfight, you can see boys flaunting

compatible with what survives from the past. What does survive from the past is dirty and neglected. The liveliness and tasteful restraint of "happy" French towns is absent.

In the tiny heart of the city, the broad square and official buildings with their tall, dark and narrow facades, have something of old-style Belgium.

The rest is a mish-mash of grid streets lined with old terraced houses, a couple of newish hotels - with high metal fences around them - and patches of recent, high-density housing in what are only theoretically pedestrianised areas.

In its neyday, Roubaix was known as the city of a hundred chimneys" and was the huh of the French textile industry Over the past 30 years, it has almost vanished. Few jobs have arrived to take

the place of the thousands lost. Immigrants who arrived to work in the mills - some directly from France's colunies, others from Belgium - found themselves and their families without work or the prospect of work.

Arafat-style headgear More than a third of its population may be of immigrant origin, but everyone stresses that it is not - as Mr Aziz claims -France's first "Muslim" city.

> people "of foreign origin" are in a hig majority.
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> One city official said that this was a "mistake", the result of both negligence and benevolence. "We wouldn't want to assist that sort of concentration

today but how can you undo it?"

In some districts, though,

He also felt the state might keep a closer watch on the mosques, even reduce their number and work with the more moderate clergy: "But there we have a problem: where Islam is concerned, the separation of church and state in

France can be a liability." In the hackstreets of the Alma-Gare quarter, near the scene of the recent gunfight, you can see adolescent boys flaunting Arafat-style headgear; bareheaded girls are few and mostly of identifiably Turkish, not North African origin. There are mosques, big and small, and -it is said -very many more in cellars and converted backrooms of bouses. Islam has claimed even thoroughly French converts: two of those killed in the recent shoot-out were of French origin, a fact that leaves officials and others struggling to find explanations.

Even so, the police and officials of the centre-right council in Roubaix are reinctant to accept the existence of any link between "racketeering", largely drugs-related crime, and Islamic terrorism.

The drug problem is manifest and blamed on the proximity of the Belgian border (which runs through the edge of Roubaix), the liberal drugs laws in the Netherlands and unemployment. Roubaix's south-eastern suburb of Hem is admitted by all to be saturated with drugs.

The appeal of Islamic fun-

damentalism for disillusioned young people of immigrant parents is also conceded. There were arrests in

Roubaix, as there were in many large French cities, after the summer bout of Islamic terrorism in Paris and Lyons.

Islam supplies a purpose, a faith and an identity to secondand third-generation North Africans who feel let down by the French system. In Roubaix, these young peo-

ple are largely French citizens but they complain that they were never treated as "properly" French, never given an equal chance. Their parents' hopes, they say, were betrayed. While the possibility of links

between young Muslims in search of a purpose and criminal violence is something officials - locally and nationally would prefer to minimise, local people and reporters take it almost for granted. "Of course, many start off as

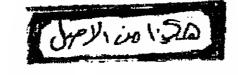
idealists; they embrace Islam in an attempt to fice drugs and vinlence," a local reporter told me, "but they are used by others, including some Muslim clerics. They need funds for their 'holy war' and all means to acquire them are good."

According to this theory, the

link between organised crime and Islam, if not already proved, is only a matter of time.

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Israel with suicide bombers or

hang gliders. He added that

Iranian emhassy staff in Beirut

had left for Damascus. The 1s-

raeli press says senior officials

in Israel have received signals

from Damascus that it wants to

see a new arrangement in south Lebanon. If no agreement is

reached with Syria then there will be pressure on Mr Peres to

use ground troops, something

he says he is determined not to

do. It was he who withdrew 1s-

raeli troops in 1985 from all but

The firenower available to

the two sides is very unbalanced.

A spokesman for the UN peace-

keeping force said Israeli gun-

ners pumped 3,000 heavy

artillery shells into the south in

a 24-hour period up to yester-

day morning. Israel also launched 63 air raids. Hizbol-

lah kept up a steady barrage of

wounding three Israelis. Of the

28 people killed on both sides

in the last week only one has been an Israeli, a soldier killed

In Jerusalem Mr Peres said

in south Lebanon last week.

an end to Operation Grapes of Wrath. "It is too early to nego-

tiate," he said when asked what

were Israel's conditions for an

end to the fighting, "The time is always right for a political ini-

that there are other parties that will offer and we shall have a good look at it."

The conflict has so far much

improved the chances of Mr

Peres winning the election on

29 May. He regularly appears

in a hlue, military style-jacket.

EU states angered

by France's solo

den hand which controls tiative," Mr Peres added, "lam Hizbollah, but this is largely benot going to offer but I think

Major General Moshe It is now difficult for Binyamin

rockets over the frontier,

the far south of the country.

key to ceasefire

PATRICK COCKBURN

Israel ordered a further 30,000 Lehanese villagers to leave

their homes or face air and

artillery attack yesterday as

Katyusha rockets fired by

rilla movement, continued to

Israel expects the US to

begin diplomatic moves to put

pressure on Syria to curb Hizbollah and set the stage for

a ceasefire. There are doubts in

Jerusalem, however, that Pres-

ident Hafez al-Assad of Syria

Despite Israel's overwhelm-

ing military superiority Hizbol-

lah is still firing salvoes of

rockets into northern Galilee, where they eause few casualties

but bave led much of the pop-

ulation to flee or live in shelters.

Three Israelis were injured yes-

terday and five were treated for

Shimon Peres, the Prime

Minister, has promised to stop

the firing of Katyushas but this

may not be feasible by use of air and artillery alone. This has to

be decided on the ground," says

Dr Dore Gold at the Jaffee

Centre for Strategic Studies at Tel Aviv university. "It cannot be decided by air power and videotapes [taken by attacking

The key to resolution of the crisis is Syria, says Dr Gold, Israel denounces Iran as the hid-

cause it has not wanted to de-

monise Syria with whom it has

been negotiating a peace treaty

in return for Israel relinquish-

ing the Golan Heights, Presi-

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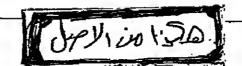
restrain Hizbollah until there is

aircraft].

will be willing to do this.

Hizbollah, the Lebanese guer-

fall on northern Israel.



Hizbollah continues to fire rockets as Israel orders 30,000 Lebanese villagers to leave home or face attack

Talks left to US as Israel carries on attack

A lone fireman tackles a blaze in the southern Lebanese town of Nabatiyeh following Israeli artillery attacks

was only limited domestic tele-

vision coverage of the destruc-

tion of an ambulance, in which

four children were killed, by an

Israeli belicopter. However, the

real reason for the lack of crit-

icism of the operation in Israel

is that it is felt to he defensive,

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part of the Islamic militant

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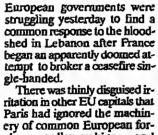
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JOHN LICHFIELD

eign policy-making and dispatched its Foreign Minister. Hervé de Charette, to Israel, Lebanon and Syria. Senior foreign ministry offi-cials from the 15 EU countries

were meeting in Brussels yesterday to try to prepare some kind of common statement or initiative for a meeting of European foreign ministers in Linembourg next week.
One EU diplomat told Reuters that the unilateral

French action would "go down like a lead balloon, not because of any jealousies but because the French move is hollow. There's nothing in it." The French intervention re-

response in Israel itself.
Asked by journalists what his conditions might be to end the five-day rocket and artillery bombardment of Lebanon, the Israeli Prime Minister, Shimon



Chirac: Proclaimed backing for Lebanese sovereignty

The Libération newspaper said that it was prompted not by any genuine hope of doing good, but by embarrassment that Israel - a close ally of France - had launched the bombardment one week after President Jacques Chirac had proclaimed his support for the sovereignty and independence of Lebanon, a former French

protectorate. Britain, meanwhile, issued a statement expressing "concern" at the "growing humanitarian problems" of the tens of thousands of Lebanese civilians forced to flee the fighting. The Foreign Office statement called on both sides to "break the cy-

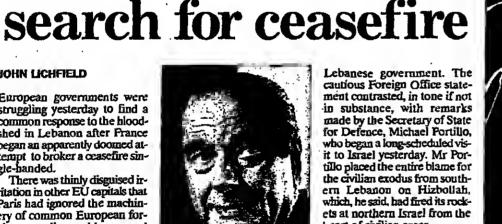
cle of violence".

Lebanese government. The cautious Foreign Office statement contrasted, in tone if not in substance, with remarks made by the Secretary of State for Defence, Michael Portillo, who began a long-scheduled visit to Israel yesterday. Mr Portillo placed the entire blame for the civilian exodus from southern Lebanon on Hizbollah, which he said, had fired its rockets at northern Israel from the heart of civilian areas.

try to have security and defend herself ... "Mr Portillo said. "I don't believe that Israel wishes to kill any civilians and for that reason civilians have been withdrawing for their own security.

The US response to the fight-ing remains low-key, with the Secretary of State. Warren Christopher, telephoning his Syrian counterpart, Farouq al-Sharaa, the Israeli Foreign Minsign of willingness to dispatch

Mr Christopher or another se-nior official to the region. The White House spokes-



"It is the right of every coun-

right-wing Likud, to outflank

him on the right for being soft

on security. The war has also

been accompanied by a so-

phisticated Israeli army pre-

sentation to the media, with

video pictures of exploding

buildings hit by Israeli missiles.

exercise much resembles that of

the US in the Gulf war in 1990.

The Israeli press notes that the

European media has been much

more critical than the US. There

The Israeli public relations

ister, Ehud Barak, and Lebanese leaders. But President Clinton, engaged in a roundthe-world tour, has shown no

man, Mike McCurry, told reporters accompanying the President: "Obviously our goal is to see what steps can be taken now to restore calm to the border and to minimise the vi-Peres, declared: "It is too early to negotiate."

Some French commentators also criticised their government's decision to go it alone.

Cite of violence".

The Director of Middle East okence which is affecting citizens on both sides of the border."

Washington hlames Hizbollah for the fighting.



Michael Portillo (right), who is visiting Israel, with Shimon Peres yesterday Press highlights children's plight

ADEL DARWISH

Pro-Western Arab leaders who urged peace with Israel are being pressed to adopt a tougher response to Israel's attacks, as public opinion, which is increasingly sympathetic to the Iranian-backed Hizbollah's attacks on Israel, seeks collective

Whether in Jordan, which has normal diplomatic ties with Israel, or in Saudi Arabia, press comment and cartoons carry a similar message. "The children of south Lebanon call upon the powerful leaders of [last month's anti-terror summit in] Sharm el Sheikh to lift their suffering," the Londoo-based Al-

Hayat declared. A cartoon in the Saudi-owned Ashurq al-Awsat accused Israel's Prime Minster, Shimon Peres, of hitting Lebanese children to further his electoral chances.

Many papers highlighted the call by Lehanon's Prime Minister Rafiq el-Hariri, to President Hosni Mubarak of Egypt to use Cairo's 17-year-old diplomatic ties with Israel to stop the attacks. Mr Mubarak is embarrassed, because of accusations that he was naively optimistic about peace talks between Israel and Syria. Mr

lamic extremists, has been ac- the Arah and the Muslim cused by the opposition of allowing Israel to subject the Arab people to its rule.

Civilians the main casualties in toll of death

Since Israel opened its bombardment of Lebanon last Thursday, 23 Lebanese civilians have

been killed and at least 80 wounded. In the previous three days, a Lebanese teenager and

an Israell occupation soldier were killed and 13 israells wounded. Since the start of the Israeli assault, not a single Israeli soldier or Hizbollah guernila has been reported killed.

Among the Lebanese civilian victims are: Khatija Deeb, 27, an unidentified male of about

60; Rima al-Youssef, 2; Rana al-Youssef, 12; Lara al-Youssef, age unknown; fotissam al-Youssef,

13; Ghofran Karim, 25; Ali Monem, about 100; Hussein Monem, 18; Wajeh Monem, age unknown; and Absha Shaashou, 35 – all killed by Israeli shellfire on the village of Yohmor, In the southern Bekaa valley. And Mahmoud Daher, 90; Mariam Geha, one month; Honein Geha, 3; Zienab Geha, 7; Houdou Alakleh, 11; Noha Alakleh, 35; and Mona Shweik, 35 – all killed in an ambulance attacked by Israeli helicopter at Hannieh, southern Lebanon.

The Egyptian Foreign Min-ister, Amr Moussa, has cancelled a trip to Turkey. Officially, he needed to stay in Cairo for tomorrow's emergency meeting of Arab League foreign ministers. Privately, diplomats say it was a gesture of support to Syria, which hit-terly attacked a Turkish-Israeli accord allowing Israel to use Turkish air space and, perhaps,

its bases for military training. between Israel and Syria. Mr Mubarak, whose security forces and Saudi Arabia, which comcontinue to crack down on Is- pete for the leadership of both

worlds, encourage their official or semi-official media to condemn Israel's action. No paper. however, has criticised attacks against Israeli civilians by Hizbollah fighters who are re-

Photograph: AP/Mohamed Zatari

as " Lebanese resistance." Diplomats agree Syria holds the key to settling this round of violence, but "no single Arab nation attending tomorrow's Arah League meeting in Cairo is expected to even ask Syria to pressurise Hizbollah to halt its attacks," said an Egyptian offi-cial yesterday, "while Israel re-mains an illegal occupation force in south Lehanon.

ferred to in most Arah media

Public bask in spoils

"I don't think the operation will stop the Katyusha rockets," said Iwo, the owner of a delicatessen in Shamai street in Jerusalem, writes Patrick Cockburn. "Only the Syrians can do

that - the bastards." Israelis overwhelmingly approve of the decision of the government to launch an air and artillery offeosive in south Lebanon last week. Differences only emerge over the likely effectiveness of the attacks in achieving their declared aim of stopping the Katyusha attacks.

At the other end of the street, Elan, who manages a television and electronics shop, also believed that Israel's five-day old Operation Grapes of Wrath would not alone prevent Hizbollah, the Lebanese guerrilla movement, from firing

"I think we are going to send in ground troops," he said. "I think we are going to do it after there is not a single Leba nese left in south Lebanon." He thought that this would ensure that there would be no Israeli casualties because "the shelling and bomhing will have cleaned everything by then". The popularity of the oper-

ation is explained by the fact that most Israelis see it as a defensive measure. This is not affected by the disproportion hetween the few dozen Katyushas fired by Hizbollah on a single day and the 4,000 shells fired by Israeli artillery and over 200 airstrikes. Regardless of how effective

the operation is going to prove many Israelis simply want to hit back. "They shouldn't have let Hizbollah develop this chutzpah," says Shaul, who said that General Ariel Sharon should have been allowed to finish the joh of pacifying Lebanon dur-

Shimon Peres, the Israeli prime minister, says that the aim of the offensive is limited. As a result, there have been none of the protests seen during the 1982 invasion. To Israelis, Hizbollah is associated with Hamas and Islamic Jihad, the Palestinian Islamic organisations which carried out four suicide bomhings in Fehruary and March which killed 63 people. All three movements are seen

as a common enemy. So far the war has been cheap for Israel. Israeli parents are not worried that their children will be killed. In Jerusalem there is little of the sense of emergency which was visible after the assassination of Yitzhak Rabin last November or after the suicide bombings earlier this year.

For most Israelis it is a television war. Electoral politics, too, plays its part. An assistant in Iwo's shop argued: "The war is geared to the election on 29

Israeli and international television exaggerate the sense of threat felt by Israelis close to the border, because it focuses on the small number of people who were wounded or shocked by an explosion. After a rocket had hit a eucalyptus outside an apartment house he owned in Kiryat Shmona at the weekeod, Yoel Spongin said: "Now look at these people who lived here. None of them are crying." Nevertheless, the public mood could change. "What would have happened." asks Professor Israel Shahak, a political commentator, "if the Katyusha which hit the roof of that shelter had penetrated and killed all the children inside?"

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Defence Correspondent

A continued role for Nato in

Bosnia after the 60,000-strong

peace implementation force (I-

For) is due to leave after its

year-long mandate ends in mid-December is looking increas-

ingly likely. The official Britisb and US position that everyone

must leave when the 20,000-

strong US component of 1-For

departs is "untenable", ac-

cording to one expert.
While any discussion of the

"post 1-For" options and "Day 366" is still regarded as heresy

in official circles, it is looking

increasingly likely that a small-

er European Nato force, led by

A decision on the exact na-

ture of foreign involvement in Bosnia after I-For's mission

ends will need to be made soon,

probably at the Peace Imple-

mentation Review Conference

al, Javier Solana, said in Feb-

ruary that there would be no

public discussion of the post-I-

For question until 18 April, the

deadline for withdrawal of all

the former warring factions'

heavy weapons. If the 60,000

mainly Nato troops and tens of

thousands of vehicles are to be

withdrawn by the end of De-

cember, they will have to start

withdrawing in August.

The Nato Secretary-Gener-

in Rome in June.

Britain and France, will stay.

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Michael Portillo, the British Secretary of State for Defence. and his advisers still favour the "in together, stay together out together" policy which drove the deployment of I-For. They have so far rejected the idea, which has been widely mooted, of European states maintaining a

stay in Bosnia military presence after a US CHRISTOPHER BELLAMY withdrawal following the US

residential election. When I-For was deployed the idea was to make a spectacular demonstration of joint force, and to stick together for a year before withdrawing - a policy

Allied peace-keepers: UK and France could be key players when Dayton mandate expires

Nato likely to

extend its

Some commentators believe the contributor nations are sticking to that line in order to maintain respect from the former warring factions. But Michael Williams, a for-

mer UN director of information in Zagreb who is now with the International Institute for Strategic Studies, yesterday said "it is imperative there be some continuing military presence, preferably under the Nato umbrella, post-December. Dayton has secured a ceasefire which is now in its sixth month. I believe we are far more likely to have a durable peace in Bosnia if there is a military presence

there for another 12 months." The practised organisation of Nato has proved highly successful in establishing an unchallenged authority in Bosnia, respected by the Bosnian government, Croats and Serbs.

The inchoate organisation nf the civilian reconstruction effort, under the "high represen-tative". Carl Bildt, has not, according to observers. Therefore, to forgo the authority and efficiency of Nato and hand over to a disparate civilian organi-

sation would be foolhardy. While a renewed UN presence to co-ordinate any remaining military components with civilian aid organisations consider it unlikely. Nor, they

value in transferring the Nato flag to that of the Western European Union (WEU).

However, Nato has had remarkable success so far. And. for the first time in 30 years, the French now work in harmony with the Atlantic alliance.

Nato is also a good guaran-tee of continued US involvement in non-direct military roles, such as transport, medical aid, air cover and intelligence. A Nato force of 20,000 to 25,0000 troops, without US troops on the ground, therefore looks a feasible option.

Britain and France could provide such a force alone, if necessary, to maintain the success which Nato's reputation and organisation has achieved. sources said

Once the warring factions are separated and their heavy weapons destroyed or corralled, 1-For will have fulfilled the main part of its mission and can be diverted to other tasks, including reconstruction and securing and investigating the sites of alleged atrocities.

If reconstruction goes according to plan, the main requirement by December will be for a large civilian construction effort and assistance with policing and law and order. Separated by a four-kilome-

tre wide zone, and with their heavy weapons in storage, the Bosnian Serb and Bosnian government forces will find it difficult to menace each other. Hostility is more likely at a lower level, and between Muslims and Croats, who will not be separated cleanly by the demarcannot be ruled out, experts cation lines in the Dayton



Poking fun: Financiers and businessmen in Italy are womed about the effect on the economy of young people's apparent reluctance to take on adult responsibilities. The advertisement on the bus tries to shame them by asking 'Still living at home with Mama?'

Centre-left coalition senses victory

Castellammare della Stabia — If there was anywhere for Italy's centre-left coalition to feel optimistic in the final week of general election campaigning, it was surely here in this down-atheel industrial town in the Bay of Naples, at a rousing outdoor

rally this past weekend. With the setting sun glowing through the palms and plane trees of the municipal park, the coalition's leaders - Romano Prodi, his deputy Walter Veltroni and the wildly popular mayor of Naples, Antonio Bassolino - were greeted with passion and optimism by an adoring crowd and, for the first time in this bruising campaign, actually looked and sounded like they were on their way to

Mr Bassolino, who has restored badly needed confidence to the chaos of Naples in the past two years, was treated like rock star; and even Mr Prodi, not the most inspiring of public speakers, was received with thunderous applause. Everything, from their proposals to hring employment to this de-

Italian election: Sunday's vote is too close to call, but familiar figures from a tarthe right may be losing ground, says Andrew Gumbel

jibes at the centre-right led by Silvio Berlusconi and Gianfranco Fini, met with cheers and ecstatic banner-waving.

"As the campaign goes on, we are getting stronger and they are getting weaker. They want to divide Italy while we will work to unite it," boomed Mr Veltroni. "At the next G7 meeting there will be two new faces, Tony Blair and Romano Prodi.

The rally was an important morale-booster since the centreleft (known by the name of its symbol, the Olive Tree) has precious few strongholds in the Italian South and will be relying on the reputation of men like Mr Bassolino to win over its conservative and tradition-

alist electorate. There have been other reasons to be cheerful in the past few days. Although opinion polls cannot be published in the last three weeks, a clutch of private surveys suggest that the initiative seized by Mr Berlusconi

paign has now ehbed and that support is swinging in the other direction. The new polls show the centre-left slightly ahead, although still within the

statistical margin for error. The centre-right has also made a number of gaffes. Last week, Mr Fini suggested his side might abolish pay-as-you-earn income tax for company employees, only to retract the remark a few days later when some of his own colleagues said he was effectively sanc-

tioning mass tax evasion. Then, over the weekend, Mr Berlusconi argued that a victory for the centre-left might ell the abolition of free and fair elections in the future - a remark so explosive from a man himself suspected of authoritarian tendencies that it was effectively an own goal. "Berluscom is not afraid of future elections," retorted Mr Veltroni. "He is afraid of next Sunday because he thinks he is

It would be a rash punter. however, to bet on the outcome at this stage. For all the centreleft's advantages - its effective grassroots campaigning, its array of respected senior figures. and the favour it has found with the international community including the financial markets it is nevertheless weighed down by heavy problems, par-ticularly in the underdeveloped

and Mafia-ridden South. So widely has the Olive Tree cast its shadow, grouping harely reformed Communists with unapologetic free-marketeering conservatives, that it risks considerable internal incoherence should it reach office. Originally, Mr Prodi had hoped that the coalition's great strength would be the quality of its candidates, but the logic of coalition politics has led to a carve-up of seats and candida-

South - left plenty to be desired. Many voters have found that

cies that has - particularly in the

they fear, may be susceptible to pressure from the Mafia and other insidious influences if reelected now. In some cases, these candidates have been imposed from Rome at the expense of popular and effective

sitting parliamentarians.

This tendency is particularly unfortunate in the Italian South, which has consistently suffered from clientelistic decision-making imposed from above, and a lack of genuine local autonomy. Nobody is more disappointed than Mr Prodi himself, who according to his friends is keen to establish a new selection procedure as soon as this election is over.

The candidate problem highlights Mr Prodi's overall weakness, both within the power structure of the coalition's party-leaders, and as a candidate for the premiership. "He may be knowledgeable and full of ideas, but he is not a communicator. When he opens his mouth he tends to send people to sleep, even his friends,

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China takes pride in consulting Hong Kong for first time in decade

STEPHEN VINES Hong Kong

According to yesterday's Peking-backed newspapers in Hong Kong, China has scored great success by carrying out a two-day consultation during which a number of organisations and individuals gave their views on how the territory's new leadership was to be selected.

The fact that the exercise was dogged by protests, some un-characteristically violent, and that students who expressed nuwelcome views were thrown out of the meetings, was seen as confirmation of China's determination not to allow instability to break out when Peking

resumes sovereignty next year. The newspapers conveying these views were supported in a fashion which illustrates how China's old revolutionary "united-front" tactics are being deployed as non-Communist advisers to the Chinese government were trotted out to say how useful the consultations

This was not the view of three legislators and their supporters who yesterday said they would be staging a 50-hour mobile hunger strike in protest at the way the consultation ex-

Process is marked by weekend of protests

ercise had largely shunned anyone expressing dissenting views. The hunger-strikers have vowed to sit in a truck following the movements of Lu Ping, China's most senior official responsible for Hong Kong affairs, who is making a rare visit to the colony as part of the consulta-

tion exercise. The consultation is the first of its kind in almost a decade since China sought views on the drafting of the Basic Law, the mini-constitution for the territory after the Chinese takeover.

The hunger strike, which is largely a symbolic gesture, fol-lows a weekend of protest which attracted only limited participation but appeared to have widespread public back-

ing, as reflected in opinion polls and radio phone-in shows. "While many people in Hong Kong do not take to the streets to protest", wrote the politician Emily Lau in yesterday's South China Morning Post, "Mr Lu should not take this as a sign they condone the Chinese gov-

ernment's habitual refusal to consider dissenting views."

Returning from a visit to Britain, the Governor, Chris Patten, said he too was concerned about China's reluctance to listen to representatives

from political parties which consistently secure the highest number of votes in Hong Kong elections. At a closed session yesterday Chinese officials and their

Hong Kong advisers started a post-mortem on the results of the consultations, which were primarily aimed at determining the formation of an election committee to chose the first Chief Executive, who will head the first post-colonial administration, and the mechanism to select the members of a tem-porary legislature to replace the existing one, which will be dis-solved after China resumes

Meanwhile, China's supporters in Hong Kong are planning a series of events to muster support for the new order, while the hitherto fragmented democracy camp is showing new signs of cohesion as it becomes increasingly clear that China intends to give its members absolutely no say in the future of the territory.

IN BRIEF

Sirens wail as South Korea stages air drill Seoul — Sirens wailed across South Korea as air force fighters posing as communist invaders streaked over major cities in South Korea yesterday in a major civil defence drill held in response to North Korean "sabre-rattling", on the eve of a visit by President Bill Clinton. F-16 fighters roared through the airspace of Seoul and 37 other cities as pedestrians ran for shelters. Reuter

Two Russian battalions leave Chechnya

Moscow — Russia pulled out two hattalious from rebel Chechnya as part of President Boris Yeltsin's peace plan, but fighting continued and separatists shot down a Russian helicopter killing four servicemen. Russian television said the units withdrew from bases 100 miles northeast of the regional capital Grozny. Reuter.

US holds Kurd on passport fraud charge

Washington - The head of the American Kurdish Information Office was charged with passport fraud after an investigation indicated he had assumed the identity of a man killed in a car crash 25 years ago. US authorities said Kani Xulam is thought to be a leader of the extremist Kurdistan Workers' Party (PKK). Reuter

Russia holds back Azeri's extradition

Moscow - Russia has asked Azerbaijan for more evidence hefore it agrees to the extradition of former Azeri president Ayaz Mutalibov on a charge of treason, according to a senior alde to the Russian prosecutor-general. Mr Mutalibov, who was ousted in 1992, was arrested in Moscow on Thursday.

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Activists sentenced in Bahrain

Manama, Bahrain — A state security court has sentenced 10 opposition activists to between one and five years in prison following their conviction on sabotage and arson charges, newspapers re-ported. The prisoners were accused of taking part in the recent wave of anti-government protests.

Kazakstan creates national wildlife park

Moscow — Kazakstan took steps yesterday to protect its endangered species, including the snow leopard, with the creation of the 600,000-acre Zailisky Alatau National Park, south of the capital Alma Ata.

\$6m judgment upheld on Marley estate

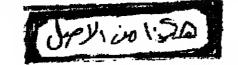
Washington — The US Supreme Court let stand a \$6m judgment against the late reggae star Bob Marley's lawyer and accountant, found by jury to have fraudulently plundered his estate. It rejected arguments that Marley's estate sued the men too late.

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'Golf War': Developers abandon plan to build new course after protester is killed and 18 are wounded in shoot-out with police

Mexico's battling peasants keep spirit of Zapata alive



Latin America Correspondent

Elderly Indian peasants in the Mexican state of Morelos truly believe local revolutionary hero Emiliano Zapata never died on 10 April 1919. Even though the Mexican army laid his body out in a town square after amhushing him, the supersuitious peasants believed he had taken to the hills with his famous white stallion.

That is why the elderly sincerely believe Zapata was present last Wednesday, 10 April, when Morelos peasants were amhushed by police on a coun-

try road near the little town of Cuernavaca, where Mexican creeting barbed wire barricades Tepozilan. The outcome was President Ernesto Zedillo was gory: one peasant killed and 18 wounded. But the incident resulted in a peasant victory over big husiness of which the great moustachioed revolutionary would have been proud.

The peasants were residents of Tepoztlan, a small town 35 miles south of Mexico City and a sione's throw from Zapata's birthplace. Some were his direct descendants, others were sons of the men who fought alongside him during the 1910-17 rev-

They had been heading in a

giving a speech to mark the 77th anniversary of Zapata's death, traditionally a big day oo the Mexican calendar. But the peasants had not gone to listen.

They had gone to protest against plans to build a golf course and tourism complex around Tepozilan, one of Mexico's most picturesque Indian villages, which they said would min the landscape, endanger wildlife, use up scarce water supplies and descerate pre-

Columbian hurial sites.
They had occupied the town of 13,000 since last September.

and taking over the town hall. after the developers began hulldozing the golf course to be designed by Jack Nicklaus's Goldeo Bear Course Management company. Local media hilled the stand-off as the Golf

To prevent the protesters reaching the president, police-men were dispatched to block their path at the town of Tlaltizapan. After news of a clash emerged, not for the first time in Mexico, the police insisted they had been unarmed and that the guofire must have come from the peasants. An amateur

the police were armed and opened fire - demonstrating that Mr Zedillo still has some way to go in his pledge to improve his natioo's human rights record. Six policemen have been charged with murder, 54 others with abuse of authority.

A 62-year-old Tepoztlan resident called Marcos Olmedo was killed in the gunfire but his fellow-protesters cow bill him as a martyr who did not die in vain. At the weekend, saying the violence had uodermined investors' confidence, the develupers ceded to the locals and called off the golf project. "The

conditions no longer exist that would guarantee our investment," said a spokesman for the Grupo KS investment company. "But the land is legally ours and we will oot give it up, al-though we don't know what we

will finally do with it." That suggested the conflict may not be finally over. But after their victory, the peasants ap-pear to have the bit between

Demanding justice for the victims of the shooting, they have vowed "to fight on" until the state government of Morelos resigns. The Golf War may yet become the Golf Revolution.



Jack Nicklaus: Company was

South Africa begins laying ghosts to rest

ROBERT BLOCK Johannesburg

South Africa's official journey into its past, to try to heal the wounds of its conscience and come to terms with the hrutality of its history, began yester-day amid a media circus in a crowded city hall in East Lon-

don, in the Eastern Cape.

Journalists from around the world, a few prominent South Africans and many ordinary citizens packed the ornate colonial huilding for the historie event. They came to hear three women and one mao - all of them victims of apartheid - bare their pain at the first public session of South Africa's Truth and Reconciliation Commission.

After lighting a candle as both a symbol of peace and to remember those who died in the struggle against apartheid, the body's chairman, Archbishop Desmond Tutu, reminded everyone why they were there. We are charged to unearth the truth about our dark past;

haunt us; and that we will there- Mapetla in 1976, the year stuby contribute to the healing of a traumatised and wounded people - for all of us in South Africa arc wounded people and in this manner to promote national unity and reconcilia-

It was the only attempt at clo-quence on a day which really belonged to the first people to testify. Each seemed to have been chosen not only to represent a section of society which had suffered during apartheid but also to show the Commission's impartiality. There was the widow of a man killed in police custody, and two women whose loved ones disappeared after being arrested. And finally, there was a white man who was crippled in an attack by hlack anti-apartheid guerrillas.

However, the first testimony seemed to make the higgest impact, both on the people in East London and on those throughout the country, watching or lis-

tening to the live broadcasts. Noble Mohapi was calm, as to lay the ghosts of that past so she talked about the death in

that they will not return to detention of her husband

dent riots swept the country. Po-lice said he had hanged himself in his cell with his jeans. But Mrs Mohapi's testimony

did not begin with her husband's detention or even her own bouts of torture. It was full of the minutiae of life lived under repression. "I was full of hate wheo my husband died," she said. "I hated anyone who was a policeman, I hated them for the oppression. Now I want to share the difficult times."

Gracme Simpson, the director of the Johannesburg-based Centre for the Study of Violence and Reconciliation, commented that Mrs Mohapi's testimony was the best endorsement the Commission could have hoped for. She showed how the Commission gave victims a chance to not only tell their tale but also to restore their dignity.

Technically, the Commission has two years to exhume the truth of 30 years of apartheid. But that yesterday's hearing took place at all is something of a miracle. A bomb scare forced a brief recess in the middle of



Ton! Lillian Mazawi (left) is comforted by a well-wisher before giving evidence about the killing of her son. Neediwe Mfeti Photograph: Adil Bradlow (right) was to give evidence about the abduction and disappearance of her husband

a stark reminder of the depth of hatred many South Africans feel towards the Commission's attempts to steer a course through white demands for amnesia about the past and hlack demands for justice.

The idea of a truth commission has been dogged by criti-

Mrs Mohapi's testimony. It was cism since its very inception at negotiations to end apartheid three years ago. Afrikaners feared it masked a witch-hunt against whites. Apartheid victims believed it sacrificed justice for reconciliation. Black liberation soldiers bristled at the idea that their excess would be

equated with crimes committed

by former government hit-men. Even more dangerous than a bomh scare to the continued proceedings are two court cases being brought today.

One case is being hrought by families of prominent apartheid victims, including the widow of Steve Biko. They claim the commission's ability to grant in-

demnity to all perpetrators of human rights abuses who fully confess their misdeeds violates their internationally recognised right to seek redress through the courts. The other case is being brought by perpetrators of human rights abuses who do not want their names divulged in hearing proceedings.

to have designed the course Zoo tells a tall story to **US** peace

Budapest (Reuter) - The American contingent of the Nato peace implementation force for Bosnia (1-For) based in Hungary has been asked by Budapest Zoo to fly three gi raffes from Frankfurt.

force

The Hungarian entrepreneu Gahor Varszegi hought the three Zamhian giraffes last November as a present for the zoo. Due to veterinary regulations. the animals can only be brought into the country by air, and the only civilian aircraft large enough to take the three-metre tall animals is the Boeing 747.

A flight could easily he arranged from the Zamhian capital Lusaka to Frankfurt but thère are no regular jumbo jet flights from Frankfurt to Budapest, zoo director Miklos Persanyi said. However, there are regular US military transport flights to the Taszar base n southern Hungary using aircraft large enough to accom-

modate the young giraffes. Mr Persanyi said his 200 bady needed the animals as its only giraffe was 20 years old, well past the usual lifespan.

"We asked for US military transportation as a last resort. after months of fruitless ef-furt," he said yesterday.

US on alert as terrorist anniversary approaches

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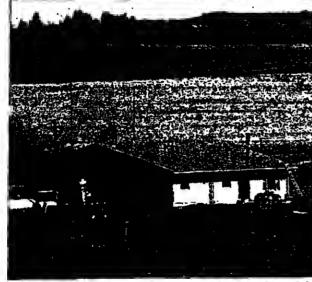
US government buildings have gone on a heightened state of of the worst act of domestic ter-

ror in America's history.

It was a year ago on Friday
that former soldier Timothy McVeigh allegedly planted the home-made truck bomb that exploded outside the Alfred Murrah government building, killing 168 people and injuring another 400. There are no reports that the

shadowy collection of so-called militia members, tax protesters, survivalists, white supremacists and others who denounce the US federal authorities plan a show of strength on 19 April. But one private centre in Atlanta that keeps track of some 12,000 names linked to the American far right insists that the threat of home-grown terrorism, far from receding since the shock of the bombing, has actually increased sharply in the

before the country endures another nightmare like the Oklahoma City tragedy," wrote Morris Dees, chief counsel of the Southern Poverty Law Centre, in a warning letter to US At-torney General Janet Reno last "Patriot" organisations, in-



Under siege: The remote ranch-house where leaders of the Freemen of Montana are being held at bay by the FB!

with the federal government. Though numbers of members are hard to pin down it was Mr Dees and others who warned in the months before the Oklapast year.

"Unless we take decisive homa City bombing of a rising homa City bombing of the true steps now to respond to this security risk. Gauging the true threat, it is only a matter of time threat from the American far right, whose anti-government war-mongering apparently in-spired Mr McVeigh, is as elu-sive a goal as ever. But from Chicago to Nebraska, US au-thorities this week were distre, in a warning letter to US Altorney General Janet Reno last week. In a new report the centre identifies over 800 right-wing "Patriot" organisations, including 441 so-called militias, Ohio, the New York Times resaid to be preparing for combat ported, circulated a letter to po-

lice chiefs and local sheriffs reminding them that 19 April is also the anniversary of the fire ball at Waco, Texas, in which David Koresh and some 80 cult followers perished. The badly bungled siege of the cult compound by federal agents is still a cause celebre for militia activists and the gun-rights lobby.
"It is for this reason that we recommend an internal alert for any possible violence on April 19th, 1996," the letter said,

urging "all due caution".
The so-called militias sprang up aeross the US in 1994 promising to resist a conspiracy of tytanny emanating from Washington by force if neces-

to bear arms.
At town hall meetings which drew hundreds of people, meo in camouflage warned that America was in danger of a takeover by the UN. Mainstream support shrank amid images of children's bodies being pulled from the wreckage in others appear newly concerned by a hard-core who are committed to paranoid conspiratorial beliefs and often already outside the law.

We refer to this as the consolidation of the whackos," said Christine Kaufman, of the Montana Human Rights Network.

For four years Ms Kaufman has watched the growth of the Montana Freemen, an alliance of anti-tax protesters, cheque forgers and emhittered farmers whose leaders who are oow under siege by the FBI at a remote ranch.

In Michigan, which earned a reputation as a militia hot bed after members performed military-style exercises for TV cam-eras, meetings still gather occasionally to burn the UN fiag and rail against property taxes, said Richard Lobenthal, who runs the Michigan office of the Anti-Defamation League, the Jewish-sponsored group that monitors racist and neo-Nazi or-

"They are still as much of a threat as they always were," he said. "Any time you've got twenty or thirty guys in semi-auto-matic guns ... there is a danger they will flip out."

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Soldier kills 14 in Indonesian airport

leagues and four civilians yesterday at a remote airport in

broke out at Timika airport when a plane carrying the bodies of two soldiers, believed to have been hacked to death by tribesmen, made a fuel stop. The soldier, understood to be a friend of one of the two dead

Jakarta (Reuters) — An Indonesian soldier ran wild and shot dead at least 10 military column a result in the mining town after learning that one of the dead soldiers had been his friend at least 10 military column arrest because of Timika; activists said the risonance of the near an oring underlined resentment after learning that one of the dead soldiers had been his friend. He then fired his gun

Details of the shooting re- parts of Indonesia who, atmained sketchy but the soldier Thirteen other people were reported wounded. The guttire escort the bodies of the two had apparently been assigned to soldiers killed at the weekend area, overlooked by jagged in the remote village of Ma-peaks and surrounded by jun-

> Jakarta-based diplomats said there was no apparent link be- around dawn. tween Monday's shootings and

tracted by the mine, came to live live in primitive conditions 100

in the town. gle, was tense but calm after the rebels. attack which took place at

the rioting by local tribespeople soldier at the airport got mad held in the dense jungle.

army-run aircraft bangar. towards settlers from other into the people standing there." Mapunduma, where villagers

> miles from Timika, was the Timika and the surrounding scene of the kidnapping on 8 January of 26 Indonesians and Europeans by separatist

Eleven of the captives, including four Britons and two One Timika resident said: "A Dutch nationals, are still being

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William K. Everson

historian of the first rank, a popularist, rather than an academic, responsible for many books. hundreds of articles and thousands of programme notes - but above all, he loved teaching.

He was a brilliant teacher. I have often sat in on his lectures and wished that 1 could recall exactly what he said and how he 28mm - and one stunningly tintsaid it. Yet this was not his most significant achievement.

He was also the world's greatest film collector. Unlike so many of the breed, he was not secretive; he was extraordinarily generous. And generosity sums up the man's character; if he recognised in you some enthusiasm for films, he would give whatever you needed, whether it be his time, his knowledge of the films themselves.

When 1 first went to New York, in 1964, to research my book The Parade's Gone By 1 knew hardly anybody in the city apart from Everson. He was as busy as he always was, and should have told me to return when he had some free time. Instead, he invited me at midnight and stayed up, showing me unique copies of silent films, until the early hours. This went on for three weeks. He also gave me introductions to stars and directors I wanted to meet thanks to him, I met Lillian Gish. He answered all my questions, and by so doing gave me a groundwork in early cinema I could have got from no one else.

Everson had an extraordinary ability to convey enthusiasm. He was a gifted writer, and his programme notes were so vivid they made you long to see the film. Yet if you couldn't get to the show, he made you feel so familiar with the style and atmostphere of the film you could have passed an exam on the subject 1 remember his description of Maurice Tourner's 1922 Lorna Doone; it was so poetic and so thrilling I instantly invested in a copy of the film.

It was not as poetic as Everson, alas, but it sparked a love

William K. Everson was a film eventually requited when I discovered the glories of his earlier films. Many of these were shown to me by Everson himself, and he introduced me to a collector who had been a cameraman in the silent era. Don Maikames had installed a camera in his home capable of showing obscure gauges like ed 28mm print was the

Tourneur production of Trilby (1915). Later, when a 16mm dupe was struck from it, Everson sent me one, downplaying his generosity by pretending it was "surplus to requirements". Bill Everson was born in

England. His name was Keith William Everson, but he loved the work of American director William K. Howard and switched his name to match. He was taken to the cinema when he was about a year old - to see Al Jolson in *The Singing Fool* (1928), ironically – hut he could not be expected to remember the event. The first film he was consicious of seeing was what he called "a perfectly dreadful British film" called *The Maid of* the Mountains (1932), an operetta. From that point on, he had a distinct recollection of what he saw, because going to the cinema during the Depression was very much of an event.

It wasn't until he saw John Ford's The Whole Town's Talking (1935) that he became conscious of dialogue. "From that point on I was really hooked." Everson had been collecting film magazines even before he could read them - in fact, he

learned to read by picking his way through the articles on his favourite players. He was top boy at school, until he won a scholarship to Isleworth Country School - a school which took only scholarship boys, "And of course it was during the war and the classes 1 liked - English and history - were always being cancelled because of bombing raids and the classes I hated geography and physics - were never interrupted.



The world's greatest film collector: Everson looks at a strip from a unique copy of a 1912 Vitagraph film, 1979

papers, and in one he saw an ad for a company in Wardour Street which wanted a publicity man. "I didn't think there was any chance of my getting the job - 1 was 13, going on 14 - but 1 felt it would be good experience just to go up to London to see what it was all about." He knew that if they asked him questions about films he could answer – and he got the job. "They re-alised they could pay me peanuts." He gloried in the experience, even though he made a lot of mistakes, and he worked happily until the army caught up with him in 1947. He was posted to Germany - another boon, because he had just read Siegfried Kracauer's book on

German film history. "Censor-

ship then was very strong and anything with violence was taken out so they were reissuing a lot of the quieter German films from the 1930s, and German versions of American films like The Big Trail (1930), which 1 never thought 1'd see, so it was a great education."

When he was demobbed, his two closest friends, Alex and Richard Gordon, had emigrat-ed to the United States. Feeling there was no hope of advancement in the England of the austerity years, he decided to join them. After a period as relief manager for a chain of news theatres (the Monseigneurs), he left for New

lied Artists). He was delighted to discover that movie companies were transferring thousands of their old films to 16mm for the television market, and bootleg prints could be acquired by collectors. This was a risky business - and in later years downright dangerous - but several companies had good reason to be grateful. For Bill

Everson rescued prints of titles which they had destroyed. In the post-war period, the only people who retained any respect for silent films were elderly fans. The new generation regarded them as hilarious and a TV producer called Paul Killiam marketed a series called York - where he quickly found a job with Monogram (later Al-old films with a jokey narration,

Jane Wyndham-Kaye

He employed Bill Everson as adviser, and Everson gently but firmly taught him the error of his ways. He had acquired a great respect for the silent era (as he acquired more and more silent films), and soon Killiam, having moderated his tone, became the pioneer of the serious presentation of silent films on

television. Everson started the Theo-dore Huff Film Society with friends Huff, Seymour Stern and Herman Weinberg, When Huff died, he added the word "Memorial" - hut by then he was running it on his own. It was a society that showed the rarest films - often in a double bill with a recognised classic. Everson's

world-famous (and let us hope that some enterprising pub-

lisher will bring them out). In 1959, MGM's Ben-Hur received rave reviews and Everson felt that they were not deserved - so he showed the 1925 version at the Huff. Rival collector Raymond Rohauer, experiencing a little trouble himself over a lawsuit from MGM, told the FBI what Everson was doing and they confronted him after the performance. They seized the print, and Everson spent the next few days squirrelling other hot titles around New York. Lillian Gish had to intervene on his behalf. In the 1970s, the FBI instituted a "witch hunt" among film collectors, but by then Everson was too highly re-

spected to be touched. Archives came to depend on him - he would not only loan rare prints for copying or show-ing, but he would travel the world presenting the films he loved. I was astounded to meet him at an airport weighed down by three times as many cans of films as any human could be ex-

pected to carry. He had the uncanny knack of finding lost films. It would be no exaggeration to say that singlehandedly, he transformed the attitude of American film enthusiasts towards early cinema. He was scornful of archives who let his favourite films rot - but it was curious how he always managed to sneak a beautiful 16mm print before its negative finally disappeared. His name appeared on scores of documentaries about cinema history (particularly those by David Gill and myself) because his advice was as essential as access to his collection. His books ranged from picturebooks like The Films of Laurel and Hardy (1967) to the amazingly detailed

American Silent Film (1978). And now it can be told. There is one book which has been consistently available for more than 30 years - Classics of the Silent Screen (1959) by Joe Franklin, the New York talk-

show host. Inside the cover is a minute credit: research assistant William K. Everson. You can tell that he really wrote the entire thing by the enthusiasm, the knowledge, and the frequent use of words emphasised in italics. No one else ever wrote

quite like that. He was a lucky man. He spent his life doing what he enjoyed most. But how few such people transform the lives of others? If his generosity will be sorely missed, at least he has made an indelible mark on the

cultural history of his time. He had been in a great deal of pain with his cancer - but he was a true stoic and he managed to teach two classes a week right up to the end of March. There will be no funeral, but a memorial service will be held at New York University.

1 shall think of William K.

Everson fondly as the young man who went without food to afford \$90 for a print of Are Parents People? - a 1925 comedy with Betty Bronson. He fell in love with the screen image of Miss Bronson, tracked her down to her home in Pasadena and a firm friendship developed. He brought her to the Museum of Modern Art to introduce her classic Peter Pan (1924). She decided she would like to act again - so Everson, through his contacts at Allied Artists, secured her a good supporting role in Sam Fuller's The Naked Kiss (1965) and this led to further work with Frank Capra, Disney and even a long-running television soap opera.

There are hundreds of other acts of kindness we will never know about. But the name of William Everson is now better known to film history than the director who inspired him to change it.

Kevin Brownlow

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William Keith Everson, film historian, film collector, film teacher: born Yeavil, Somerset 8 April 1929; married twice (oneson, one daughter); died New York City 14 April 1996.



Noif: 'I have a feeling I've listened to more talk in my life than any other single person'

Dan Wolf

Dan Wolf was one of the three founders of New York's Village Voice newspaper, and for many years its editor.

Set up in 1955, to rally against the existing press and to provide a voice for the young and radical for whom there was no means of expression, the paper came to reflect the cultural changes and political discontent that simmered beneath the Communist witch-hunts of the time, providing a seed-bed for young writers and extending an influence far beyond the bor-

ders of Greenwich Village. In 1962 Wolf said that the 1-11lage Voice was created "when the vulgarities of McCarthyism had withered the possibilities of a true dialogue hetween people. The best minds in America radical and conservative - were repeating themselves."

paper came to support the civil rights and feminist movements, to oppose the war in Vietnam and to publish a hlend of advocacy and personal journatism that could swing between articles on the Black Panthers or gay rights to erot- three lunatic asylums wants to ic Christmas ornaments and explore possibility of book with psychedelic shopping centres.

Daniel Wolf was born on the Upper West Side of Manhattan and as a young man as-pired to write novels, but during the Second World War he was drafted into the Army where he served in aerial intelligence in the Far East. After the war he studied psychology, and earned money writing articles on philosopby for the Columbia Encyclopedia and working for the Turkish embassy before estab-lishing the Village Voice. His cofounders were Edwin Fancher, a psychologist he had met while registering at the New School for Social Research in 1946, and

Wolf was an attentive editor who encouraged young writers including, of conrse, Mailer. Many believed his talent lay in editing people, not copy and he was known as a good listener. "I Often editorially chaotic, the have a feeling I've listened to more talk in my life than any other single person," he once said. By the late Sixties the Village

Norman Mailer.

Voice could claim around 150,000 readers and had become renowned for its unusual advertisements: "Veteran of qualified writer," read one.

Wolf sold his interest in the paper in 1970 for \$3m and retired to enjoy the benefits of affluence. In 1977 he became an adviser-at-large to Mayor Edward Koch whom had supported in his election campaigns through editorials in the Voice and with whom he shared a common dislike of the existing political organisation in New York. "I suppose that my role is to encourage him to be him-self," Wolf said describing his role as a taskmaster who eased the Mayor through heated decision-making difficulties. He knows that I am not there to gain points."

In later years Wolf remained Koch'a editor and confidant after he teft office."1'm the only person in America 1 know who has his own editor and probably the best editor they have ever had on a newspaper, Koch once remarked.

Edward Helmore

Daniel Wolf, journalist: born New York 25 May 1915; co-founder and cditor, Village Voice 1955-70; married 1956 Rhoda Lazare (one son and one daughter); died New York 11 April 1996.

For more than 20 years, Jane Wyndham-Kaye was the highly effective voice of the professional association for health visitors and an influential trade Her appointment first as Assistant General Secretary to the Women Public Health Officers' Association in 1958, and then six years later to the ton job of General Secretary at the Health Visitors' Association (as it had become) could hardly have been predicted from her early career. Born in Hertfordshire in

1921. Jane Wyndham-Kaye left school to study the dramatic arts. The Second World War intervened and she joined the Auxiliary Territorial Service, rising to the rank of junior commander. After the war, she ran a nursery and served as the only woman member of Hemel Hempstead Borough Council, and later as constituency agent. Those who knew her only later in her Health Visitors' Association persona were kept guessing as to which party she had supported then or subsequently. The joh of General Secretary demanded, and got, a completely neutral party political stance from its occupant.

In her thirties Jane Wyndham-Kaye studied law in her spare time, and was called to the Bar in 1958. She never practised, however. Within weeks she had responded to a Health Visitors' Association job advertisement. Twenty-one years later, in an interview for the Nursing Mirror, she recalled that her fate was sealed the minute she arrived for the selection panel; somehow, she knew that this was the work she was meant to do. She soon learned that the body she had joined was no ordinary little society of felt-hatted do-gooders. Founded in 1896 by a group of women sanitary inspectors, it became a trade union in 1918 and joined the Trades Union Congress in 1924, a unique po-

On entering office as General Secretary in 1964, Jane Wyndham-Kaye became, under Association rules, the sole nonhealth visitor member and, indeed, the only general secretary in recent times not to hold the professional qualification. This was, in the light of her sharp mind, legal training and political experience, hardly a handicap and possibly an advantage What is certain is that, during her administration, the duality of professional and trade union roles flourished, the interests of each advancing substantially under her skilled and steady

On both fronts, Wyndham-Kaye insisted upon the application of clear thinking. reasoned argument and avoidance of dogma; knowing and playing by the "rules of the game", and acknowledging always the political realities. This won her immense respect from nursing and midwifery leaders and her trades union colleagues, who could only admire her negotiating skills as, year after year in the Nurses and Midwives Whitley Council, she maintained health visiting's position at the top of the pay scale. Dame Catherine Hall, a former head of the Royal College of Nursing described her as a "doughty fighter for her members", but also as someone who could take an informed and intelligent independent position in resolving conflict between the different sectional interests.

Within the trade union movement, as member of the TUC Health Services and Local Government committees, and valued colleague and friend of many union leaders, her wise counsel was sought in and outside committee. Her ability and independence meant that she understood and was trusted by both the professional organisations and the unions. During the dispute affecting the public and health services in 1979 and 1982, she played a significant, although informal, advisory and mediatory role.

As part of her mission to represent the profession, Jane Wyndham-Kaye lectured and travelled all over Britain to speak at Association meetings, where her presence would guarantee standing room only. Through example and by instruction, generations of health visitors and school nurses learned how to promote their professional, trades union and clients' interests in the corridors of power. The lesson was put to historic effect in the Association's successful lobby of Parliament in 1978, when the Nurses, Midwives and Health Visitors Bill was amended to secure health visiting's continued

separate identity as a profession. After retirement, Wyndham-Kaye continued to serve the health service with distinction, first on North West Thames Regional Health Authority, and then as Chairman of South West Hertfordshire Health Au-thority 1986-90. Once again, her professionalism as chairman, an insistence that issues were debated on their merits and not on party lines, and consummate wit and charm, guided the health authority adroitly through some politically tricky waters.

Jane Wyndham-Kaye drew a clear line between her public and personal lives. However, those who knew her well were witnesess not only to the fortitude with which she bore the tragic loss of her son but also, more felicitously, to a warmth and generosity of spirit which inspired immense personal loyalty and admiration.

Shirley Goodwin

Jane Wyndham-Kaye, barrister born Hemel Hempstead 1921; Assistant General Secretary, Health Visitors' Association 1958-64; General Secretary, Health Visitors' Association 1964-84; OBE 1980; Member, NW Thames Regional Health Authority 1982-86; Chairman, SW Hertfordshire Health Authority 1986-90; married (one son deceased; marriage dissolved); died Oxford 5 April 1996.



Wyndham-Kaye: 'doughty fighter for her members' Photograph: Pam Isherwood / Format

BIRTHS

HUTCHINGS MICHALOPOULOS: On 6 April, to Sophia and Niko, a sec-ond son, Hector Nikoloos James.

DEATHS

TURNER: Norma (formerly Turner-Samuels, nee Verstone), died peace-Samuels, nee Verstone), died pesce-fully on Saturday 13 April 1996, aged 79. Lifetung journalist and peace activist, and dedicated volunteer with the London Lighthouse. Will be sadly missed by her loving family and many friends around the world. Service to be held at the London Lighthouse. Friday 19 April at 2.30pm. Flowers or donations to London Lighthouse, Will/Marie Curie Centre for Cancer Rellef. Curie Centre for Cancer Relief.

WEST: Aubrey, on Saturday 13 April, peacefully at home, beloved husband of Chloe and father of Julian Service at 11.45am, Wednes Julian, Service at 11.43 and, weathers day 17 April at Golders Green Cre-matorium (East Chapel). No flowers please, but donations to Crisis for the Homeless. 7 Whitechapel Road, Lon-don E1 LDU.

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Queen Margrethe of Denmark, 56: Lord Aberconway, former president, John Brown & Co, 83; Vice-Admiral Sir Peter Austin, 75; Miss Joan Bakewell, broadcaster, 63; Lord Camoys, deputy chairman, Barclays de Zoete Wedd, 56: Sir John Harvey-Jones, former chairman, ICI, 72: Mr Vince Hill, singer, 64; Mr Michael Hirst, former chief constable, Leicestershire, 58; Sir Geoffrey Johnson Smith MP, 72; Mr Richard Kershaw, broadcaster, 62; Miss Ruth Madoc, actress, 53; Mr Peter Marshall, chairman, Ocean Group, 69; Mr Spike Milligan, comedian and writer, 78; Mr Jimmy Osmond, singer, 33; Sir Geoffrey Owen, for-mer editor, Financial Times, 62: Mr Frank Page, journalist and broadcaster, 66; Mr David Porter MP, 48; Mr Gerry Rafferty, singer and song-writer, 49, Mr James Rant, Judge Adrocate General of the Army and

RAF, 60; Sir John Robson, former ambassador to Norway, 66; Miss Gabriella Sabatini, tennis player, 26; Miss Constance Shacklock, op-cratic singer, 83; Mr Llewellyn Smith MP, 52; Miss Dusty Springfield, singer, 56; Dr William Stearn, con-sultant botanist, 85; Mr Leo Tindemans, statesman, 74; Professor Barbara Tizard, educationist, 70; Sir Peter Ustinov, actor and writer, 75.

sition for a professional nursing

Anniversaries Births: Frans van Mieris the Elder, painter, 1635; Sir Hans Sloane, physi-cian and naturalist, 1660; Charles Montagu, first Earl of Halifax, politician, poel and founder of the Bank of England, 1661; John Hadley, first reflecting telescope, 1682; Marie-Anne Elisabeth Vigée-Lebrun, painter, 1755; Ford Madox Brown, painter, 1821; Anatole France (Jacques-Anatole François

Thibault), novelist, 1844; Wilbur Wright, aviation pioneer, 1867; John Millington Synge, poet and playwright, 1871; Sir Charles Spencer Chaplin, comedian, 1889; Henry (Enrico) Mancini, composer, 1924. Deaths: Marcus Salvius Otho, Roman emperor, committed suicide, 69; Aphra Behn, playwright and novelist, 1689; Francisco José de Goya y Lucientes, painter, 1828; Marie (Greshnitz) Tussaud, founder of Madame Tussaud's waxworks, 1850. On this day: Martin Luther arrived

mathematician and inventor of the

at the Diet of Worms, t521; Charles Edward Stuart, the Young Pretender, was decisively defeated at Culloden by the Duke of Cumberland, 1746; the island of Malia was awarded the George Cross by King George VI, 1942, the Organisation for European Economic Co-operation (EEC) was set up, 1948. Today is the Feast Day of St Bernadette, St Contardo, St

Drogo or Druon, St Encratis, St Fruc-

tuosus Braga, Si Joseph Benedict

Labre, St Magmus of Orkney, St Optatus and the Martyrs of Saragossa. St Paternus or Pair of Avranches and

Lectures

National Gallery: Stella Gambling, "April Showers (ii): Turner, Rain, Steam and Speed", 1pm. British Museum: George Hart, Sakkara: the step pyramid of Djoser", 1.15pm.

Victoria and Albert Museum: Imo-

gen Stewart, "Early 17th-century Embroidered Dress", 2.30pm. National Portrait Gallery: Toba Mann, "The Bluestockings: 18th-century intellectual women", 1.10pm. Stirling University (Logic Lecture Theatre): Dr David Quarmby, "Uses and Abuses of Mathematical Modelling in Retailing", 6.30pm. Highgate Literary and Scientific In-

stitution, London N6: Fiona Mac-

Carthy, "William Morris: designing | ROYAL ENGAGEMENTS

Royal Over-Seas League

Mr George H. Webb, Member of Council, Gresham College, was guest speaker at a meeting of the Royal Over-Seas League's Discussion Circle held yesterday evening at Over-Seas House, London SW1. His object the Seas House Condon SW1. His subject was "The History and Role of the City Livery Companies".

Schools

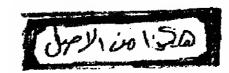
King's School, Canterbury The Summer Term begins today at the King's School, Canterbury, Mozart's Requiem will be performed in the Cathedral on Saturday 1t May. King's Week will run from 27 June 10 3 July Speech Day in The 10 3 July. Speech Day is Thursday 4 July when the Anniversary Preach-

er will be Dr Stephen Winkley, Headmaster of Uppingham School.

The Princess Rayal attends a Silver Jubilee reception for the Commonwealth Magistrates' and Judges' Association at Marthorough House, London SWI, for delegates attending a symposium at the University of Herifordshire, Princess Margaret visits John Storer House, a Voluntary Action Centre administered by Chamwood Community Com

tion Centre administered by Charawood Community Council, in Loughborough, Leicestershire; and as Patron, attends a performance by the Scottish Ballet at the New Theatre, Hull. The Duke of Gloucester, President, Concer Research Campaign, attends the opening of the Eshibition of Works by Jan Van Goyen at the Richard Green Gallery, Loudon Wi; and as President, British Consultants Bureau, attends a dinner at Brook's, London SWI, Princess Alexandra, Patron, the Princess Alexandra Hospital NHS Trust, opens the Phase I Extension of the Princess Alexandra Hospital, Harlow, Essex.

Changing of the Guard The Household Cavalry Mounted Regiment mounts the Queen's Life Guard at Horse Guards, 11am; 1st Battalion Wests Guards counts, 11am; 1st Battalion Weish Guards mounts the Queen's Guard, at Buckingham Palace, 11.30am, band provided by the Irish Guards.



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mran vs Benazir

Sunday's bomb attack on his Lahore hospital could propel the cricketing playboy, cum Muslim visionary, into the ferocious world of Pakistani politics, says Tim McGirk

mran Khan is counting the cost of har-L bouring political ambitions; the sums are mounting rapidly. Over the weekend a bomb tore through his Lahore cancer hospital, killing six people and seriously wounding another 20. Khan's transformation from cricket star and thinking woman's crumpet into social reformer and political risionary was all going terribly smoothly until someone decided to make him a bomb target.
As founder of the Shaukat Memorial Trust Hospital in Lahore, Mr Khan in damages.

had planned to give a wealthy Pakistani businessman - and possible donor - a tour of his hospital at about noon on Sunday. At the last minute, though, the meeting was called off. Imran stayed home. The 11th device, hiddeo under a sofa in the waiting hall, exploded at 12:23 pm, just as Pakistan's most popular hero and his guest would have heeo making the

Mr Khan had spent years scraping together donations to build a charitable hospital in memory of his mother, who died of cancer. It was reckoned to be the finest medical facility of its kind in Pakistan, Most of the patients were poor, and they received free cancer treatment. But it was more than a hospital. It was also a symbol of his moral renewal as a Muslim, his ambitions as a reformer, an implicit criticism of the corruption of Pakistan's ruling élite and possibly the launch pad for his bid to unseat prime minister Benazir Bhutto.

She for her part is worried that the homb may simply add to Imran's lustre by making him more of a hero and a martyr in the eyes of When he was telephoned with news of the

imran Khan: a life

Hundsome 6ft2 Oxford undergraduate made test debut aged just 18 (1971): Khan leaves Keble College in 1975 as a blue, and with a third-class degree. Cricketing descendant of proud Partis teamor race hits women's hearts for six and bowls maidens over: As captain of the Pakistan team, know become a favourite British pin-up. He seemed amply to fulfil the role of tall dark stranger, he mixed in the "right circles" and masterfully (some would say bossily) commanded ... his team to victory on the field.

Fast-bowler Casanova: Khan was a regular in London's nightclubs and gossip pages during the 1980s. He was "linked" with Stephanie Beacham, Goldle Hawn, Lady Liza Campbell, Caroline Kellett, Sarah Giles and Susannah Constantine." Marriage was sometimes rumoured. His cricket improved all the while. Impan's 50-1 minnows humiliate England: Khen led underlogs Pakstan to

triumph over England in the Cricket World Cup Final in Melbourne (1992). He

retired having played 88 Tests.

Playboy of Eastern World swaps cricket whites for Paldstant national dress:

After retiring from cricket in 1992, Khan's image underwent a transformation as he
began to criticise Western culture. Commentators suggested he had political motives
as he toured the country and raffled his Mercedes to help pay for a caricer hospital.

blast, Mr Khan raced out to the hospital, oo the edge of Lahore, and began helping to move the injured into ambulances, which rushed the injured into ambulances, which rushed the land of the British millionaire Sir James Goldsmith the British millionaire Sir James Goldsmith the blame on the opposition leader, Mr Sharif, who stands to gain from it since many Pakistanis, them to hospitals equipped for casualties. Imran has cultivated an image of cool calmness, indicative of an inner centredness. Witnesses say he was "stunned and angry" as he wandered through the charted remains of his dream. The pow

erfut bomb had destroyed the ehemotherapy ward, the outpatient department and parts of the eanteen, causing millions of pounds

"It's the work of

o savage or an animat, because no human being can do such a thing to a hospital," said Mr Khan hitterly. Who planted the bomh? The cricket star had no douht: the motive was political. The hluntly spoken Mr Khao accuses both the government of Benazir Bhutto and

opposition Nawaz Sharif, of incompetence and corrupwho feel threatened by me, the hombing was a clear message from them. I have been receiving verbal threats from some political quarters that I should desist

from my plans," he explained angrity. Those warnings have been coming thick and fast, While Benazir has publicly polite, her supporters have relished

ruhhishing Imran's political credentials and amhitions. Salman Tascer, a member of Benazir's Pakistan People's Party, gave this assessment of Imran's prospects: "He does not understand the realities of politics. Politics in Pakistan is a nasty, slow, dangerous grind. I have been to jail 14 times; he has never seen the back end of a jail. If he could tell me the GDP of Pakistan I would jump through

Bhutto's "sports adviser" and Khan's former Pakistan team-mate Sarfraz Nawaz said last year: "He's a cheater - that has been established. He calls himself a devout Muslim - if he is, he should be stoned to death for adultery. Imran has always been a money-minded person. He is cunning and

Imran is expected to launch a third political party later this week to challenge Ms Bhutto's PPP and Mr Sharif's Pakistan Muslim League. Fed up with the pervasive corruption and the vengeful brawling of the two main parties, many Pakistanis are desperate enough to turn to a cricket star as their only hope. Both he and

lunching with Princess Diana, Mr Khan was in Southall gathering funds for his hospital and canvassing for his anti-corruption drive.

Ms Bhutto is rattled. She has banned all fundraising advertisements for his hospital on the state-run Pakistan Imran in his own words

'I thought the campaign against me nital whenever in the British press about ballthey can, insinualing that he and his tampering was bad, but it was re]atives embezzling dooanothing compared to this onslaught'

On politics in Pakistan, April 1995 This assumption that I want to be Prime Minister is complete nonsense. I don't want to get mixed up with politics'

February 1995 a class turncoat.

Right now. Pakistanis are looking for a saviour. Just because I've built a hospital and led Pakistan to a World Cup win, they think I'm the one. It shows how desperate people are' April 1995

Politicians are corrupt to the core. They have devoured the wealth of this nation and are thirsting for more' ferocious. Told of the bomb, Ms

"I don't believe in a parliamentary democracy. Nobody can speak the truth in a party-based system'

view the damage and offer condo-January 1995 lences. As Najan Seth, a Lahore polit-

May 1995

'It may reach a stage where there ical commentator. said: "The last thing are two options - get a green card Benazir wanted was and emigrate or stay here and fight' to make a martyr

22 February 1996 out of Imran, Everyone would turn

against her. Khan refused to tell her. "Her visit was meant to get political mileage out of the misery of people. It was a media stunt," he fumed.

between the two is

Bhntto broke off a

visit to the frontier

city of Peshawar and

flew to Lahore to

Privately, Ms Bhutto's aides allege that the cricketer may be an unwitting pawn in a plot by 'disgruntled agencies" and "militant elements' trying to topple her government. At the outset, he relied on a right-wing Muslim youth organisation, the Pasban, for organising his hospital fund-raising rallies. Mr Khan has also been linked to General Hamid Gul, a former chief of Islamic views.

In Lahore, sources close to Ms Bhutto's gov-erament said that the inquiry into the bomb blast will focus oo associates of Mr Khan's within the hospital organisation. This may turn out to be nothing more than a sloppy attempt to frame Mr Khan's colleagues in order to make him look like a well-meaning hut rather thick-headed sports star, one who is incapable of running a hospital, let alone a country.

The grand Mogul city of Lahore seethes with

with or without proof, will jump to the conclusion that Ms Bhutto's henchmen were behind the hlast. Mr Sharif in the past has tried to woo the cricket hero over to his party, and he may now try to

convince Mr Khan that cials smear Mr only by joining forces Khan and his hoscan they topple Ms Bhutto, When Mr. Sharif, himself a keen hut overweight cricketer, toured the blast site, he held Mr Although both Khan's hand are offspring of the solicitously as feudal aristocracy and attended they walked through the Oxford University smouldering debris of the

in the early 1970s, the cricket star is widely regarded as Another theory places Mr He tries to portray himself as a cham-Khan in the ceopion of poor, devous Muslims tre of a plot by Muslim extremists (there are many within and a foc of the western-educated the Pakistani armed forces and intelligeoce) who set off "Brown Sahib" culture 10 which Ms the bomh to goad the cricketer - undoubtedly the most popular Bhutto and most of the country's figure in Pakistan - into batting against Ms Bhutto. Advocates of political this theory claim that the Muslim fundamentalists want to get rid of Ms Bhutto for being too pro-west-

> give their putsch plans a veneer of acceptability. Imran Khan has lived a gilded life. As captain of Pakistan he led it to a famous win in the cricket World Cup against all odds. He has great wealth and has been the object of desire of hordes of well-heeled women. Even his marriage to Jemima Goldsmith has played well in Pakistan as further evidence of how he manages to get everything he wants. The bomh will give him pause to think before plunging into politics proper. Yet the blast may mark the moment when he steels himself to stand and fight. And if he does the contest will be ferocious.

ern, and that Mr Khan is needed to

Benazir Bhutto: a life

Born: 21 June, 1953. Found it politically necessary to have an arranged marriage In 1987 she married Asif Zardarl. During her pregnancles, fundamentalists said she should remain at home with her children. But her husband is her knight in shining armour: In her autobiography, Daughter of the East, she said, Zardan thought of her as a lady in distress. He soon discovered that "The lady's not so fragile." est betrayal: The opposition from her mother and brother Mic She feels this has damaged the political struggle in Pakistan. Her husband Asif Zardari is referred to as Mr Ten Per Cent: He was detained

for over two years on charges, since abandoned, ranging from fraud to murder. Bhutto's father mapped out her life: Zulfikar Ali Bhutto, who was executed in 1979, advised her on what to read and how to behave. She conversed at the dinner table with guests like Hubert Humphrey and Henry Kissinger. As president of the Oxford Union 1976 she drove a yellow MGB sports car: Bhutto wore Anna Belinda dresses and describes her years at Lady Margaret Hall as "the best years of my life." She had a number of British boyfriends. Sales on Fifth Avenue has her measurements: As a little gri, her clothes were bought from the New York store. Now her jeans have been replaced by traditional iwar-khameez while a dupatta covers her head at all times.

DIARY

Sky's the limit at Westminster

If you notice a sharp drop in the 7 pm voting record of your MP it may be because it coincides with the start of football coverage on TV. As of yester-



day television sets throughout Westminster - including those in MPs' private offices - will have Sky News, CNN International, Sky Sports and Sky Sports II to add to the routine coverage of Parliamentary debates.

Asked who was paying for the service, Sky says that it cannot comment on a commercial agreement. The service has been arranged by the House of Com-mons information committee, which would suggest that the footie coverage comes courtesy of the taxpayer. It would also suggest some embarrassment for MPs who have campaigned against Sky

monopolising sports coverage.

Jack Cunningham (above), Labour's heritage spokesman, led the campaign for keeping key sporting fixtures on ter-restrial television. However, he too will be having his personal satellite coverage. A spokesman in his office said yesterday: "Mr Cunningham is far too busy to discuss this. His views are a great deal too complicated for a diary story."

Equality for all, as long as you're a MAN

A press release arrives from the British Medical Association promoting equal opportunities in the NHS. The BMA Proort from its Career Progress of Dictors Committee emphasises that everyone in the health service "should be personally committed to a culture in which prejudice of any sort is unacceptable". The press release quotes exhortations to equality from Dr Liz Shore, chairman of the Career Progress

of Doctors Committee and Helen Fallon, chairman of the BMA's Medical Students Committee. Unusually, the press release contains an NB for editors in bold type. Is it some feminist homily? Actually it turns out to be a post-femi-nist homily. The word chairMAN, it stresses, is "the preferred title of each

Greater horsepower

of these women".

There's oothing better to take your

mind off losing 40 horses than getting a good motor or three. Henry Cecil, the Newmarket trainer, who saw Sheikh Mohammed remove all his horses from the Cecil string last autumn, has secured a sponsorship deal for his yard with Saab, the Swedish car manufacturer. Stable sponsorship is a fast-growing trend, with all that TV exposure for paddock sheets, staff jackets, and sweat rugs (expect to see sweat rugs placed on even the coolest horses

The deal will be formally announced at a champagne breakfast at Newmar-



Cecil tells the Sporting Life: "I have been trying for more than a year ... to tie up with either a fashioo house or a top car firm. Natalie, my wife,

the new convertible. I'm also getting one of the range for my nanny to drive our son Jake around and even getting one for my mother-in-law.

I know the Swedes are family minded. But nanny and mother-in-law? They're in danger of giving sponsorship a good

Relief in a can

I have news that will come as a great relief to, I'm told, one in five of the population. Today is officially National Constipation Day. "It may not be the kind of thing people chat to each other about," Georgina Pinnington, one of the organisers, concedes. "We have had terrible difficulty getting any celebrities involved. Nn volunteers at all, as yet." So hard to imagine why.

But there is one happy coincidence for the organisers to celebrate. Tesco have reduced their baked beans to 3p

Projection of bad luck

The publicity launch for the new and last Dennis Potter television series was held, unusually, at the Institute for Contemporary Arts in London. The BBC and Channel 4 both decided not to use the Bafta building for superstitious reasons as Potter had failed to win recent Bafta awards. Superstitions can be unlucky. The ICA projector broke down three

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Keeping the iron curtain drawn

Two events in two days underline how delicately poised East-West relations have become. Nato's Secretary-General, Javier Solana, has begun a tour of the eastern European countries, many of which want to join Nato. This is not a formality; it could have far-reaching politi-

cal signifiaence. That is because of an event that will take place today: the close for nominations for the Russian presidential elections in June. As things stand, those elections are likely to be won by the Communist leader Gennady Zyuganov. The prospect of several eastern European states joining Nato is the kind of development Mr Zyuganov will use to inflame the resent-ful Russian nationalism that is at the core of his appeal. A spectre that we might have thought had been hanished may reemerge: a Europe divided into east and west, albeit with the line slightly to the east of the old one, closer 10 Russia.

Mr Solana will tell candidates for Nato membership that, in spite of Russian objections, they have a right to join as sovereign states, and that they should even-tually do so in the interest of wider European stability and security. No country including the Baltic States that abut directly onto Russia – is ruled out. The first wave – Poland, Hungary and the Czech Republic - might accede to Nato before the end of the century.

These will be difficult promises to keep. There are three, related problems: the risk of alienating Russia; the risk of a new iron curtain forming; and the dilemma of what to do about the countries that might lie between an expanded Nato and newly isolationist Russia.

Nato was created as a shield against the

power of the Soviet Union. Russia will regard any Nato expansion eastwards as a hostile act. Although it may be in tur-moil, Russia is still a mighty force. Its armed forces may no longer match those of Nato, yet it is still a nuclear superpower and it has more conventional military

power than any other state.

Whatever Nato members feel about expansion, Russia will not regard it as henign without cast-iron guarantees that would reduce Nato's effectiveness as a military alliance. It might be possible to write in prohibitions on the movement of troops and equipment into east European countries. But unless it was possible to deploy forces into those countries if they were threatened or attacked, the Nato security guarantee would mean

So is there an alternative to Nato expansion? In a near-perfect world, Euro-pean security and stability could be equally well served by the more prosperous east European states joining the European Union. Yet a prosperous member of the EU adjacent to a crime-ridden. anarchic or autocratic state could hardly feel secure without a security guarantee. That may be an argument for expanding the EU's role in security. Economic integration will depend on some form of secu-

rity guarantee.

We are moving away from an era
where two opposed, cohesive structures could provide the security structure for Europe. In future - to borrow a phrase from another European debate - we will need a security system based on variable geometry of overlapping hi-lateral and multi-lateral economic and security



Only little people pay tax." So said the American millionairess Leona Helmsley, as she defended herself, unsuccessfully, against tax evasion. Add to the cost-cutting measure. little people most ordinary employees and companies with had accountants, and Leona is probably right. Avoiding tax legal manocuvring to cut the tax hill - has become a British pastime for individuals

as well as companies. When Labour's transport spokeswoman Clare Short enthused this weekend about the possibility of paying more tax herself, she not only deviated from the party line. she also misjudged the public mood. Although the 1980s passion for tax cuts may have ebbed, enterprising tax avoidance is as popular as Delia Smith recipes.

In the 1990s companies, and increasingly self-employed individuals, shrug their shoulders, grudgingly accept tax levels as they are and then do their very best to find their own way round them. Tax cutting has been privatised.

Yet this fashion for tax avoidance has serious political consequences. As economists and Treasury officials search for an explanation for the unexpected shortfall in government tax revenue last year, it appears that new business strategies for avoiding tax may be a major contributor. VAT avoidance is certainly growing among both big and small companies, perhaps because the rate has risen so much over the past 17 years. But City analysts suspect that companies bave increased their efforts to avoid tax across the board. Although the economy is growing, and profits are swelling, companies remain

T oday I am hringing you more jew-els from that great ongoing work, The Book of Albanian Proverbs.

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ordinary proverbs. Ordinary proverbs

sound at first sight as if they are full

of wisdom and insight, but generally

turn out to be humdrum and banal

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tion to be profoundly meaningless. I,

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would be fatal to give it up.

way, here is another selection of

We grow hair on many different parts

of our body, but we only complain of

Breathing is not addictive, hut it

In the old days, a "mobile" was an art

object hanging from the ceiling and

going round in circles. Nowadays it is

desperate to keep costs down. For responsible company executives, reducing their tax liabilities has become just another

As for individuals, the rise of selfemployment and temporary contracts combined with self-assessment means that more of them are in charge of their tax affairs and looking for ways of minimising what the state takes from them.

The consequences are troubling: governments find it harder to make future tax and spending plans, the tax burden on the little people increases and pre-election tax cuts are harder to forecast with certainty.

So what to do aboul it? The main problem is with highly sophisticated tax avoidance schemes run by multi-national companies. Closing loopholes and enforcing existing rules will help, but only a hit. It is proving increasingly difficult to police national frameworks of taxation in a world of multi-national companies and global capital flows.

Where companies engage in other kinds of immoral behaviour - polluting seas or mistreating workers - consumer disapproval is a potentially powerful cor-rective. But can you seriously imagine the British public boycotting a company that had avoided tax?

As long as we accept it is a sign of ingenuity to avoid paying tax, we must also pay the price. Only if we come to see paying tax as a duty or obligation - as many ordinary people do - will we make large-scale tax avoidance beyond the pale. What is needed is not just new rules but a new

used to refer to a mobile telephone.

So what is a mobile now called - or

is it no longer possible to make them

because they no longer have a name?

Would a telephone hung from the

ceiling of an art gallery be a mobile?

And if you hung a telephone from the

ceiling of an art gallery and labelled

it a "mobile", and it then rang, would

it be artistic to answer it, or would it

be a mistake for which you would be

Ice-lollipops are always fruit-

enough to make a tomato ice-lolly.

laughed at by your fellow artists?



• LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Drug-running is not Gibraltar's fault

Sir: Your leading article (12 April) calling for tough action against Gibraltar following the incident involving the regrettable death of a Spanish Civil Guard is attacking the wrong target. Gibraltar already has tough laws against drug-running and money laundering, and these are applied with full vigour whenever an offence is committed within the jurisdiction of the Gibraltan courts. But often, as in the latest case, though Gibraltarians may be involved no offence is committed within Gibraltar's juris-

The problem is an international one which needs co-operation between all the countries in the area. Such co-operation is not going to be promoted by the vindictive action of the Spanish authorities in slapping renewed restrictions on traffic crossing the border between Gibraltar and Spain - action which is irrelevant to the problem of controlling drug-running between

the health of the Gibraltar econ- could deal with others needing omy is intimately connected with cash or resources. To prevent

the activities of smugglers except in the negative sense that such activities damage the territory's reputation and undermine husiness confidence. By exaggerating these activities you only exacerbate that damage.

WILLIAM E QUANTRILL Bradford-on Avon, Wiltshire The writer was Deputy Governor of Gibraltar, 1988-1990

Sir. There is a way to deal with the problem of Gibraltar: Britain could swap Gihraltar-for the Spanish territories in north Africa, Ceuta and Melilla, Britain could then keep one of them as a freeport and military base and give the other back to Morocco. All three countries would

There is another way to sort out territorial squabbles. If individuals want some land and they can afford it, they huy it. Why shouldn't countries do the same? Much of the territory of the USA, including Alaska, was bought, rather than fought for It is nonsense to maintain that This way, countries needing land

exploitation of the poorer by the richer and to ensure proper protection for inhabitants of exchanged lands, all deals could be required to be approved by, say, a United Nations tribunal.

Land-hungry Japan could seek to purchase all or part of Sakhalin and the Kuriles and give the economy of the land-rich Russian Federation a boost with some hard currency. Taiwan could formaily acquire independence from mainland China with a cash sum. Boers wanting an Afrikaaner homeland (after all, they have been in the Cape since 1615) could satisfactorily buy one. If Israel relinquished some of its occupied territories, it might reasonably try to acquire some new lands perhaps from Jordan or

Territorial and national amhitions could be achieved with good will and understanding and without bloodshed and the money changing hands would boost the word economy.

Senior Lecturer in Law Staffordshire University

Jobs: Labour sets out strategy

Sir: John Philpott's analysis (9 April) of the policy options for reducing unemployment is balanced, but too unambitious. He claims that "even a controlled demand expansion would at best hit inflationary pressures at around 1.75m unemployed (6 per cent of the workforce). But why do he and others believe that Nairu (the non-accelerating inflation rate of unemployment) now operates at this level? Recent experience suggests this is too pessimistic.

It is true that when unemployment in the last economic cycle fell to 1.8m, inflation began to mount in 1989-90. But this was almost entirely due to a huge credit boom spinning out of control following the deregulation of financial markets in the early 1980s, plus the Lawson giveaway hudget of 1988, which threw forther oil on the fire, ...

What is needed now is a return to balance to overcome the "pendulum effect" of past policies, from exclusive emphasis on demand management in the 1960-70s to an almost equally exclusive concentration on the Stoke-on-Trent | supply side in the 1980-90s. We

need a reconciliation of what should be mutually complementary policies. The supply side, especially training and labour mobility, is very important, but cannot by itself deliver the necessary number of job opportunities (when there are today about 700,000 vacancies, but probably around 3 million unemployed). Only some limited expansion of the demand side, in conjunction with appropriate supply-side measures, would be capable of having sufficient impact an the scale of unemployment today.

In carrying this through, I agree with Dr Philpott that our priority should be the 750,000 currently unemployed for more than a year. Whether extra jobs are created by higher investment or tax cuts, or where labour recruitment subsidies are provided for employers, the very high level of long-term unemployment is a disgrace we should no longer tolerate.

MICHAEL MEACHER MP (Oldham W. Lab) Shadow Employment Secretary House of Commons London SW1

Powers of water regulator

Sir: Your leader "Byatt gets a sec-ond chance" (3 April) shows some misunderstanding of the powers of regulators.

You express surprise that reg-ulator did not intervene to redirect to customers some of the cash savings arising from the North West/Norweb merger. It is only in relation to mergers between water companies that lower hills for customers can result as a condition for the clearance of the merger.

This is due to the provisions in the Water Industry Act. Stephen Littlechild has no such power under the Electricity Act for mergers between electricity companies and neither of us can extract up-front savings in the case of inter-utility mcrgers.

Even the worst painter can sketch his

own likeness, but it is impossible for

even the greatest composer to do a

The opposite of a thank-you letter is

A hicycle mudguard could never be

invented by a bicycle, as it makes the

bike far muddier than it need be, and

The letter that comes first in a sen-

tence is rewarded by being made a

capital, but the equally important let-

ter that comes last in a sentence is only

kicked up the backside by a full stop.

When cows cross a busy and danger

ous main road for milking, it is the

farm hands who wear safety orange

Ofwat has, however, argued that companies should share benefits, especially unexpected ones, with customers at an early stage. But I have no powers to demand this. To do so could damage mcentives to efficiency. At the next Periodic Review I will, however, ensure that customers benefit from any cost savings.

As you say, the ring-fencing provisions will protect customers from cross-subsidisation. Other licence amendments I have put in place will give me the access needed to discover exactly what cost savings are being made and to ensure that customers receive their fair share of these.

Birmingham

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Ostrich farming is dangerous

Sir. Recent publicity over ostrich farming has highlighted the fact that investors cannot afford to put their heads in the sand.

Ostriches are exotic and essentially wild hirds. They are not only dangerous, requiring licensing under the Dangerous Wild Animals Act 1976, but are easily frightened and potentially difficult to handle. They are adapted for life wandering the wide open plains of Africa rather than paddocks in lowland Britain.

If this fledgling industry takes off, it raises the possibility of ostriches being farmed intensively and transported over long distances. The American Ostrich

Association regards the transport

of ostriches as "dangerous and stressful for both man and beast". The ostrich farming industry has so far failed to come up with an answer to exactly how and where ostriches will be slaughtered humanely in Britain. The only EU-approved slaughter-

house for ostriches is in northern France. Urgent action is needed to halt the farming of these wild hirds in Britain hefore the price in suffering.
PHILIP LYMBERY
Director ostriches are forced to pay the

Campaigns Director Compassion in World Farming Petersfield, Hampshire

Stop motoring ... through villages

Sir: I read with dismay Nicholas Gregory's letter (12 April), in which he urged motorists to leave the motorways and rediscover the joys of the B-roads.

While Mr Gregory and his like may enjoy trundling along the B-roads - or, as is frequently the case, tearing along the Broads - residents of those towns and villages he pollutes with his fumes and noise would not share this view. Amhling through the countryside without a good purpose might have been fine when six cars a day disturbed a village, hut those days are long gone. LYNNE CURRY

Birds vs salmon

Sir: The chairman of the Wes-

sex Salmon Association (letter 13 April) claims that salmon

stocks have been reared at

great expense by conservation-

ists. Surely they could he pro-

tected from depredation if

these same conservationists

banned salmon fishing for a few

vears; or are these a different

species of conservationists from

those concerned with cor-

Sir: Could you please put an end

Clevedon. Somerset

FRED KAY

Northampton

The pulpit and the hustings

Sir: We are told by Tim Mont-gumerie of the Conservative Christian Fellowship that "believers would hring a sense of honesty and probity" to politics (Let-ters, to April), and by Charles Brock of Mansfield College that without religion in politics "we are faced with a moral vacuum and political vacuousness" (Letters, 12 April).

This is mere rhetoric. There is no evidence that believers are morally superior to unbelievers in politics any more than anywhere else. The repeated claims for

Brando's ordeal

political sanctity by Christian propagandists ignore the long succession of such people as Thomas Paine and Robert Owen, G J Holyoake and Charles Bradlaugh, John Stuart Mill and Bertrand Russell, William Morris and Robert Blatchford, Ramsay MacDonald and Harry Snell, Harold Laski and G D H Cole, Aneurin Bevan and Hugh Gaitskell, Michael Foot and Neil Kinnock, in this country alone.

NICOLAS WALTER Rationalist Press Association London N1

Sir: The attack on Marlon Brando for speaking his mind, by the Hollywood Jewish hierarchy, smacks of nothing so much as McCarthyism. We had the branding, the threats, the arraignment, the "confession" and the abject apology, complete with tears (report, 13 April), and the return to the fold. This episode will leave a bad feeling in the minds of all liberal-minded people, Jews and non-Jews alike.

W K HARPER Stoke-on-Trent

Dragged in

Sir: Your piece (Diary, 4 April) about Chevalier d'Eon and his transvestism was amusing, but I have to take seriously the putting of words into the mouth of Sig-mund Freud. "Eonism" was coined by Henry Havelock Ellis, who considered it simpler than "transvestism". As a matter of fact, Freud wrote nothing on this subject. TOM ROBERTS

Archivist Sigmund Freud Copyrights

to the nonsense still being pro-mulgated by William Hartson (Ohituaries, April 13) about the Catholic Church in Ireland banning books? The Irish Censorship of Publications Board is a statutorily established state board, as is the Censorship of Publications Appeals Board.

Irish censors

Co Wicklow

MAURICE A O'SULLIVAN

Reformists

Sir. Why is it that every change made by the Government, such as to health, education or the penal system, is called a reform. Are they all improvements? TANIA ENGLAND Bristol

A weather forecast paints a wider canvas than any novel but it is bad art on If you like the wrapping paper, but not the present which it contains, at least Real flowers do not last as long as artificial flowers made out of paper or two counts. First, it tells posterity write a thank-you letter for the paper. nothing. Second, it is untrue even on cloth, but at least you never have to dust real flowers. the day when it is made. Many a man who thinks he is talking "I do not write for posterity," said the author, before making his will. Lucky the patient who is looked after about education is merely discussing by a hypochondriac doctor. his country's school system. to read.

Make hay while the sun shines in Albania

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Many a man who think he is talking about politics is only talking about the

Many hlacks in America prefer to be called Afro-Americans, but not many whites demand to be called Euro-You are what you eat. This can he proved by the fact that, when the

waiter comes to your table and says,

*OK who's the lamh chop?", you say,

"lam". In the city, the top shelf in a newsagent's has sexy magazines. In the country it has motor hike and gun

When people try to baffle you by asking whether Chinese crosswords go from left to right or right to left, answer firmly: "Neither! All Chinese words are one character long! Therefore it is impossible to have a Chinese crossword!" This explains why Chinese commuters on the train are always staring into space. They have no crossword to do and only speeches

If the United States had a patron saint, he would have been assassi-

Orwellian equality at the Bar Sir. The letter from Peter Goldsmith QC (15 April) prompts me

of a barrister is established when he or she is called to the Bar, and is not altered by the manner in which he or she then earns a liv-

ing. The general Council of the Bar cannot make the Orwellian to suggest that the independence claim that all barristers are independent hut some some barristers are more independent than others. LEO HAYNES Northwood, Middlesex

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Culloden without the bloodshed

A Scottish parliament could spell disaster unless Labour fights for electoral reform at Westminster

Things happen in Scotland that -a new decade of nationalist breakup, change England, too. It was 250 or a political reform more dramatic years ago today that at Culloden Moor the Jacobite challenge to Hanoverian Britain was finally crushed. The slaughter of Prince Charles's army began the destruction of Gaelic Scotland. But had things gone the other way - had the clans charged earlier, had the wind been in another direction, had Butcher Cumberland's infantry been worse trained - Britain today would have been a different country.

How different? That's an exercise in anti-history, a game for clever, idling minds. Yet our ruling institutions, our political parties, our established churches would surely all have been affected. There would have been other disasters and unknown triumphs - a world in which Trafalgar didn't happen hut Queen Veronica the Wicked did. Perhaps we would have been not one different country, but several. At any rate, a quarter-millennium on, Scottish affairs are again likely to loom large for

the English future.

The reasons are less violent, but quietly dramatic enough in their way. The resurgence of nationalist sentiment in Scotland and the likelihood of a Labour-sponsored Edinburgh Parliament, which may be up and running by 1999, raise serious questions for the future of the British Union.

In a timely book published today, The State and the Nations, the Labourleaning think-tank, the Institute for Public Policy Research (IPPR), addresses many of those questions. Though it deals with Wales and English regional government too, the book focuses clearly on Scotland. And rightly so; for on the answers given to the Scottish questions, much depends

or a political reform more dramatic than London yet realises.

The best-known of these questions remains Tam Dalyell's "West Lothian Question" - why should Scottish MPs at Westminster be able to vote on English education, health and so on, when English MPs have lost their powers to vote on similar Scottish questions? But Old Tam travels with two companions. Per capita, public spending in Scotland is higher than in England, and Scotland is also over-represented in MPs by about 20 per cent; and English Con-

rvatives are angry about both. Could all three aspects of Scotland's treatment under the current Union be sustained after the establishment of a sustamen after the establishment of a Scottish Parliament? Increasingly nationalist English Tory MPs insist not; Labour doggedly says they can.

Here are the makings of an almighty bust-up. Short of turning the

UK into a federation, the West Lothian question is unsolvable. The unly half-way-house answer would be to take away Scottish MPs' right to vote on England-only legislation.
But that would remove the notion

of a Commons government majority. You could have a Labour Prime Minister able, with Scottish MPs, to command secure majorities on, say, foreign affairs, defence and UK taxation. but impotent on English legislation. As the IPPR authors point nut: The prospect of a Blair government in charge of taxation and public spending and a Portillo-led Conservative Opposition gaining control of the NHS and education budgets in England could not possibly be a recipe for stable government.

What, then, of the over-represen-



Scotland gets more than her fair share of identifiable spending

tation of Scottish MPs? Labour is loath to even discuss this because it expects to depend for any future Westminster majority on Scots. Strict proportionality would require cutting the present 72 Scottish seats to 58; 10 of the 14 seats lost would be Labour ones. This might damage the Union as well as Labour, but there are senior English Labour politicians who privately think it just and inevitable.

Then there is the trickiest matter of all - finance. Ministers have been attacking the Scottish Parliament's proposed right to vary income tax by up to 3p in the pound as "Labour's tartan tax". But under the current formula, agreed in 1978, Scotland gets more than her share of clearly identifiable spending: the IPPR suggests that whatever happens to Scottish Home Rule, this is bound to be revisited and "Scotland is likely to face a period of tight spending constraints".

Here is another issue that has the potential for driving the two countries apart. But fully reopening the so-called "needs assessment" would now require the investigation of other public spending ignored in the Seventies. and would inevitably raise questionmarks about the huge defence and administrative subsidies to the English south-east and to Northern Ireland. That has been enough to make Tories

under Thatcher and Major back off.
How, finally, would the inevitable
arguments between Edinburgh and
Westminster about their relative roles be dealt with? Through a Scottish Secretary in the Cabinet? Wouldn't that be a recipe for turn loyalties and vicious competition with the new Scot-tish Prime Minister. More thought is needed, and Labour is finalising plans for the judicial committee of the Privy Council to take no what will be, in effect, a sort of Supreme Court role for Anglo-Scottish disputes.

That sounds fair enough. But if the other answers were all as given above no change at Westminster, nor in the distribution of seats, nor of money it is not hard to see how competing Scottish and English nationalisms could emerge in the last years of the century. English Tories would be outraged, and would have found a cause to unite them. Scottish Nationalists, fighting their first Edinburgh election in a Labour government's mid-term year, would be well-placed for ferocious defiance.

But there is another way, Labour is already committed to a voting system for the Scottish parliament which, being proportional, gives the Scottish Tories their best hope of revival north of the Border. If Blair threw his leadership behind voting reform for Westminster, too, then some interesting conse-

quences would follow for the Union. First, as the IPPR notes, the dis-parity between Scottish and English representation would be cancelled at a stroke. Second. Scottish Tories, fairly represented in a tax-raising legislature in Edinburgh, would be halanced by a revival of Labour in the English south. This would take a lot of the sting out of the West Lothian question, since it would less likely that Scottish MPs at Westminster would tilt English politics; their party-political mix would be nearer the national one.

And third, the first-past-the-post caricature of Britain which makes Scotland and the north red and the south hlue, would be smeared away. The image of Scotland as composed of solid masses of barrack-like housing full of unemployed but inspirational socialists. and of the English south as a vast traf-fic-jam of headscarf-swathed Tory ladies in Range Rovers would vanish.

So Scotland would look mure plural, and England less Conservative, and that would do a lot to take the sting away. Getting there requires a leap of Labour imagination. But not leaping may well mean that Labour, as a Unionist party, eventually breaks up the Union.

Political reform doesn't happen by blueprints or grand plans. It happens because une specific reform, demanded by hard political pressures, provokes the urgent need for another. In this case the electoral pressures on Labour for an Edinburgh parliament may yet provoke electoral reform throughout Britain. That's quite a thought. It would make Scottish Home Rule almost as dramatic a political event in English politics as Culloden was. And a much less bloody one.

ring. But it is rare for a fighter

to enjoy the demolition of an

opponent, rather the two men.

after seeking to kill each other

over a dozen rounds, will usu-

ally embrace at the end of a

bout with a solidarity that only

comes from a mutual under-standing of the enormity of the task in hand.

It probably helps to rid the

mind of sympathy when a rival has just smashed you on the

bridge of the nose. Less phys-

ical sports thus require, in

mental demonisation of the

opponent, to harden the

resolve against compassion. In

football, the language of war

challenge ahead. And the suc-

kind of mindset on to the field with them. Thus in the penalty shoot-out at the end

of the semi-final of the 1990

World Cup, the German play-

ers reserved their consola-

tions for Chris Waddle and

Stuart Pearce's hurt at their

cataclysmic misses until after they had buried their own

kicks. And Stephen Hendry,

who has made it known that

he only became a spooker

player thanks to the inspira-

tion of Jimmy White, never-

theiess has taken full advan-

A safe haven in the West

The desire among Eastern and Central European countries for EU integration will stalk the IGC, says Paul Latawski

his week the Secretary-General of Nato, Javier Solana, is touring the nations of Central and Eastern Europe to discuss the terms on which they will be invited to join Nato. But even as their leaders consider oining a defensive alliance to protect themselves from comng under Russian military domination again, they will be paying equal attention to their desire to join the European Union: for they see this avenue, too, as a means to prevent war and maintain peace,

When the countries of Central and Eastern Europe emerged from 40- years of Soviet-imposed limited sovereignty, one might have expected that their external policies would reflect the kind of prickly and insular independence usually associated with British Eurosceptics. The opposite has occurred. These countries have keenly sought to limit their sov-ereignty by applying to join such supranational organisations as Nato and the EU. The reason for this enthusiasm is not he prospect of Euros jingling in their pockets, but the security conferred by integration.

Intellectually and politically, the elites of former Communist states are today closer to the founding fathers of the then European Community than to the present-day western European architects of the 21st century's grande Europe. The countries in the eastero half of the Continent queuing to join the EU are undergoing a fundamental political, economic and social reconstruction on the ruins of a totalitarian occupation - a situation not unlike that experienced by western Europe in the late Forties and early Fifties. Although western Europeans were politically able to seize the chance to integrate in the post-war era - making war unthinkable among them - in the Communist east, any ideas about European integration went into the ideological deep-freeze or stayed in exile.

during the Second World War, Central and Eastero Europe produced its own visionaries of European integration. Dreams a monopoly of western Europeans. Edvard Benes, the leader of the Czechoslovak government-in-exile envisaged in 1941 a series of federations emerging out of the rubble of world war. And the Polish political writer and journalist Kazirierz Smogorzewski founded a review in

It should be remembered that

regional federation in Europe must come". Underpinning these efforts was the same desire as their western European counterparts to avoid another war.

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Today's champions of integratinn, however, find more spiration from Brezhnev than Hitler. After 1989, freed from the yoke of Soviet Communism, "return to Europe" became the political battle-cry and membership in the EU one of the targets of the post-Communist bravehearts.

To be sure, support for EU membership is uneven in the region The Poles and Romanians are keenist to join, while a quarter of the population in the Czech Republic, Bulgaria and

Dreams of a 'federal Europe' were not a monopoly of western Europeans

Hungary opposes membership. The return of former Communists to power has not transformed the drive for EU membership in Hungary and Poland. But where former Communists never left power, as in Bulgaria and Romania, the integration priorities are mixed. Romania follows the Polish pattern, pursuing membership in all-western institutions as an important national interest. In Bulgaria, however, second thoughts about joining Nato have given efforts to join the EU a higher profile. Indeed, in security terms, Bulgaria seems to see the EU as more politically advantageous, with regard to Russian sensibilities, than membership of Nato.

This back-to-basics approach of the Central and Eastern European countries to integration has immediate implications for the Inter-Goveromental Conference, which opened at Thrin last month. For although EU enlargement is not officially at the centre of the conference agenda, it stalks every discussion on institutional change, from a common cur-

rency to trade policy. Central and Eastern pean thinking haunts the IGC like the ghost of integration past. It reminds the present-day Euro-scrooges of how, when it comes to European integration, they have come to understand the cost of everything and the value of nothing.

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It's a game of two minds

Golf is the only sport where compassion can combine with a killer instinct, writes Jim White

Golf is a game invented solely to torture its participants; a game, according to Alistair Cooke, that could only have been dreamt up by Calvanists, whose outlook on life was to ensure any moment of pleasure was balanced by one of unbearable pain. On Sunday night, the crueliest sport claimed another victim: Greg

Apparently on his way to victory in the US Masters, playing for three days with a brilliance to trouser the kind of cheque normally associated with the National Lottery, Norman crumbled. In the final round, the genius departed him, left him sapped and dissipated, as, cruising up behind him, filling his rear-view mirror, came the figure of the relentless Nick Faldo. The moment he sensed Faldo was upon him was the moment Norman lost it, the moment the Great White Shark beached himself, throwing away an unassailable lead. It was a pitiful sight.

Afterwards, thankful it was over, Norman said he would cherish all his career what Faldo said to console him at the end. No, he wouldn't reveal the words Paldo used, but they would live with him forever. Golfers share a camaraderie unusual in professional sport; they are always quick to sympathise with each other because they have all experienced the game's cruelty. In a sense, they are not rivals at all but colleagues united in an effort to overcome the common

You could tell that by his body language, by the way in which there was no triumphal punching of the air as he sank important putts, by the restrained and dignified manner he behaved at the end, that Nick Faldo was affected by Greg Norman's discomfort. He knew the man was suffering, knew how he felt. His sympathy, however, did not preclude him from taking advantage of his opponent's demise. And, on the 18th green, as he prepared the very consoling words he would say to Norman, Faldo was completing his rival's destruction.



Lost cause: Chris Waddle after missing his penalty in the 1990 World Cup semi-final

Cox, a sports psychologist who specialises in preparing golfers for the perils of their calling, the player who has the mental discipline to win is the one who is able to shut out all feeling for his opponent, even better if he. can pretend his opponent does not exist at all.

"If you think about it, Faldo could have done what he did on Sunday without anyone else heing there," says Dr Cox. "Golf is unique as a sport in that what your opponent does has no bearing on what you do. I advise players to go out and beat the course; Gary Player said he often didn't know his own score, never mind his opponent's. That is the ideal

state of mind for a golfer." Dr Cox suggests to his play-ers a long and detailed pre-shot routine, a practical preparation course that both improves their own approach and which delib-

According to Dr Richard erately leaves them with no cognitive capacity left to worry about their opponent. A cunning strategy but one that only a few are capable of adapting. your self-worth by triumphing

entirely in the mind." The purpose of sport is to be victorious, its role is to satisfy the primitive urge to prove

You could tell by his body language that Norman's discomfort

Faldo was affected by

And by no coincidence, they tend to be winners. "The fascinating thing about

golf," says Stephen Bull, author of The Mental Game Plan: Getwith the ball for five minutes. attraction, it is probably the The rest of the time will be only area left in a life of increasspent thinking about his shots. ing compromise that operates humiliation of their rival. There it is a game played almost with such fundamental clarity: is no room for sympathy in a

over your peers. Alex Ferguson, the Manchester United manager, claims that the rush of victory in the last few minutes of a match his side is winning is ting Psyched For Sport, "is that more addictive than any drug in a four-hour round, a player and is the thing he lives for. will only come into contact Indeed, that is sport's great

you win or you lose. But Ferguson is not glorying in his opponent's misery. Indeed, ere are few sports in which the aim is to take sadistic pleasure in inflicting defeat, few sportsmen who would agree with Bobby Fischer, the former world chess champion, who once said that the most enjoyable moment of his game was when he crushed the other guy's ego. It is victory that counts, not enjoying the other guy's defeat.

Yet without defeat, there is no victory. So the mind must be steeled. Before they step into the ring, boxers, for instance, have to convince themselves the other man is their enemy. And once inside it, they must seize on every mistake, exploit every weakness, in order to achieve triumph that can only come through the ultimate

tage of his hero's distress to win the world title on almost an annual basis.
"World champions are world champions because they are able to be completely absorbed in their own performances, whatever is going on around them," says Stephen Bull "Don't underestimate one thing, though: how much they

enjoy winning."
At all costs, apparently. It was once revealed in an interview that Jan Botham often played cricket in the garden with his son, Liam, when the lad was about six. So, asked the interviewer, did he let the boy win, as most of us would do, to spare the lad's feelings? "No," said Botham, as if be didn't understand the question. "Why

The public must be kept informed without being panicked, says Sarah Stewart-Brown

The British Pregnancy Advisory Service has reported carrying out an extra 800 abortions in the wake of the Pill scare in October of last year, when the Committee on Safety of Medicines announced that women taking third-generation contraceptive pills had double the risk of thromboembolic disease. NHS health authorities have also reported increases in abortions, with Bristol, where a survey showed that 12 per cent of women stopped taking the Pill immediately, porting a 100 per cent rise. Materaty units around the country are anticipating an increase in births in the Summer months.

These statistics were predictable because previous Pill scares have been followed by the same problems.

The risks of telling all

1977 Pill scare showed a 22 per cent increase in the termination rate and a 6 per cent increase in births. In that country it took five years for the use of contraceptives and the abortion rate to return to the pre-scare rate.

The safety committee announced that women taking the third-generation pills had a rate of 15 cases of thrombo-embolism per 10,000 women studies to the public? We know that ears and less than two deaths per 100,000 women years. These rates are concept of risk and is easily scared into twice those of women taking the making irrational decisions by media older pills, but they are also half announcements. We know that the

Research in Holland following the those among pregnant women. So women who stopped taking the Pill and got pregnant increased rather than decreased their risk of the problem they were trying to avoid, as well as creating many other problems for themselves

> Surely there must be a better way of dealing with the problem of communicating the findings of scientific the public has difficulty relating to the

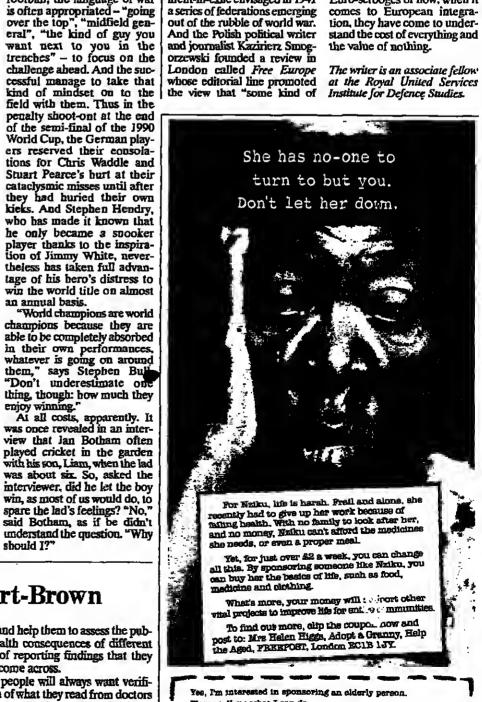
press are hungry for good stories and tend to sensationalise news. What is required is a code of con-

duct for the professionals and the media to prevent further events of this kind. The concept of risk is difficult but not impossible to grasp. It should be possible for people who are expert at communicating to work out how to communicate the results of scientific studies in a way that does not invite people to do things that are likely to cause them harm. For example, a hotline could be set up that would appraise journalists of comparative

risks and help them to assess the public health consequences of different ways of reporting findings that they have come across.

As people will always want verification of what they read from doctors and murses they know, the code of conduct should allow 24 hours for information to reach the professionals. And those who will be consulted in surgeries and clinics must be provided with written materials to explain the issues. In this way it should be possible to inform the public of things they have a right to know without creating greater risks through avoidable panic.

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Flat factory gate prices boost Footsie to record

Share prices closed at a record high yesterday, largely due to a lower-than-expected increase in factory gate prices in March. The FT-SE 100 index advanced 23.7 points to 3,790.5, toppling the previous closing record of

3.781.3 set in early February. The pace of increase in prices charged at the factory gate faded last month to its lowest for just over a year.

Bristol & West, Britain's pinth-

largest huilding society, joined

the stampede from mutuality

vesterday with its sale to the

Bank of Ireland for £600m, as

other societies urgently sought

to shore up their defences

All the Bristol & West's 1.1

million members stand to ben-

efit from the cash and share

hand-out, estimated to be worth

about £1,000 each, though long-

term savers will enjoy higher

Birmingham Midshires, one

of the few remaining huilding

societies of any size, yesterday

moved against the speculative

rush to open new accounts in

the hope of benefiting from

eventual windfall conversion

payouts by raising the minimum

sum needed to open a mem-

bership account from £100 to

£1,500 in its 17 higgest hranch-

es, claiming queues of specula-

tors have been interfering with

normal branch business.

against speculators.

Analysts said, however, that the favourable inflationary outlook was not enough in itself to guarantee a further reduction in

Scope for a fourth reduction in base rates since December was made less likely by more signs yesterday of a pick-up in the economy.

As well as upbeat surveys from retailers and estate agents, official figures due to be released before the next monetary meeting between Chancellor

Bank of Ireland's

£600m lures B&W

to join stampede

threshold has been raised to

£500. Chelsea BS said it is ac-

tively reviewing its £1,000 min-

imum investment, and the

Leeds & Holbeck is reviewing

its membership threshold, cur-

months of speculation about the

future of Bristol & West, which

closed its doors to new specu-

lators last Thursday, and in-

creases the pressure on the

dwindling band of hig societies

Last week Northern Rock an-

nounced plans to convert to

hank status, joining Halifax-

Lecds, Woolwich and Alliance

& Leicester. Two others, Na-

tional & Provincial and the

Cheltenham & Gloucester,

have recently been taken over

Bank of Ireland, Ireland's

oldest bank, said the move

would generate significant syn-

ergies in its UK operations, and

could be achieved without re-

"The strategic weakness in

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still committed to mutuality.

The announcement ended

rently £500.

by banks.

Kenneth Clarke and Eddie George, Governor of the Bank of England, on 8 May will be decisive. These include the unemployment count tomorrow, retail sales next week and the initial estimate of first-quarter

"Lower inflation is unlikely to he enough to trigger a further cut given signs that real activity is picking up," Michael Saunders, an economist at City investment hank Salomon

by a modest 0.2 per cent in March, bringing the annual rate of increase down to 3.4 per cent from 3.7 per cent. "Core" prices, excluding food and energy products, were flat.

factory gate prices is occurring in industries which saw the fastest increases last year, including pulp and paper, chemicals, rubber and plastics. Prices charged for food climbed 1.2 per cent last month.

The sharpest slowdown in

Manufacturers raised prices A decline of 0.9 per cent in beef prices, concentrated towards the end of the month, was offset by a jump of 3.6 per cent in other meat prices.

A surge in food and oil prices took the prices paid by manufacturers for materials up 0.5 per cent in March. The year-onyear rate of increase remained unchanged at 2.8 per cent, the lowest for more than a year and a half. Of this 12-month rise, four-fifths was due to increased

month due to these commodities, most City economists remain very optimistic about the trend in inflation.

A sharp fall in the best indicator of short-term trends, the annualised three-month rates of "core" factory gate inflation, from 1.7 per cent to 1.0 per cent pointed to further declines in the headline figures.

"As the year progresses, the easing in producer price infla-

Despite the disappointing tion should begin to be reflect-rise in materials prices last ed in an improvement in underlying retail price inflation," David Walton of Goldman Sachs, said. Retail prices usually follow factory gate prices with a lag of about six months.

Few analysis think higher oil and food prices will last, as they reflect temporary disruptions to supply and low levels of oil stocks after the harsh winter. The futures market is already pointing to lower oil prices by

Airbus looks at £500m 747 rival

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MICHAEL HARRISON

The European aircraft-manu facturer Airbus is studying plans for the \$750m (£500m) development of a new version of its A340 long-haul jet to compete with smaller versions of the Boe-

ing 747 jumbo jet.
The stretched A340 would carry 375 passengers - 80 more than maximum now - have a range of 7,000 miles and enter service around the turn of the

Under an agreement an-nounced yesterday General Electric of the US and Airbus are forming a joint team to study a new engine for the aircraft. The current A340 range can

carry between 260 and 295 passengers on "long thin routes" typically between second cities on different continents. The new aircraft, known as

the A340-600 would extend that capacity enabling Airbus to compete on routes such as London to Los Angeles.

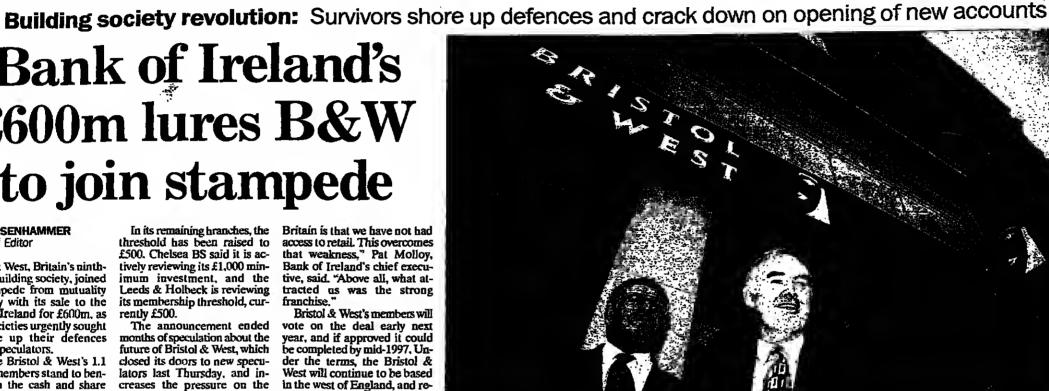
An Airbus spokesman de scribed the study as part of a pincer movement against Boeing with the A340-600 competing at the bottom end of the 747 market and its planned superjumbo, the A3XX, attacking the 500-seater plus market.
Analysts believe the new

A340 could cost between \$500m and \$1bn to develop since Airbus would need to extend the fuelage of the existing aircraft and carry out some modification to the wings. These are built by British Aerospace which has a 20 per cent stake in the consortium.

The Airbus A330-A340 family presently competes with the Boeing 777 range which was launched last year with United Airlines and British Airways as launch customers.

The 777-200 series can carry 305 passengers in 3-class or 375 in 2-class configuration and its range is 5,700 nautical miles. But a long-range version capable of 7,250 miles is due to enter Comment, page 17 | service later this year.

to seek flotations



Good fit: John Burke (left) and Pat Molloy after yesterday's £600m deal

hancing to the tune of 8 to 9 per cent. "People are very pleased that Bank of Ireland has done something to use up its excess capital," the dealer said.

quisition was priced at 1.7 times Bristol & West's net assets, Mr Molloy and Mr Burke and that the deal would be imsaid the deal would help their companies' access to capital, givmediately revenue-enhancing. One City analyst estimated the ing Bristol & West the ability to deal would he earnings-enraise wholesale finance while

the Bank of Ireland's balance sheet would benefit from the society's cheaper retail funds. Mr Burke said the Bank of

Ireland was the only suitor the building society had negotiated with though others had expressed interest.

"It was such a good fit there was not a need to talk to too

many others provided the price was right," Mr Burke said. The society had considered a stock market flotation but in the end decided to seek a merger. The society had reviewed its position as a mutual following the decision by Halifax, the biggest

proposals for new legislation al-lowing building societies greater access to capital markets, a wider range of products to offer customers and protection from hostile takeovers was "too

Photograph: Nicholas Turpin

Bank of Ireland shares ended yesterday up 19p at 458p. He said recent government

little too late".

NIGEL COPE

Three companies announced plans to seek stock market list-

ngs yesterday, including a man-

ufacturer of satellite and cable

TV decoders and a lingerie re-

tailer that hopes to open more

than 100 stores in the UK over

Separately, Nigel Whittaker, the former Kingfisher director

who left the retail group in a

boardroom clear-out last year,



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EBRD capital doubled to £16.4bn | Three more firms

HELEN MINGAY

Western finance ministers yesterday agreed to dig deeper into their pockets to finance economic development in eastern Europe. At the annual meeting of the European Bank for Reconstruction and Development meeting in Bulgaria yesterday. they formally agreed to double the bank's capital base from ecu 10bn (£8.2bn) to ecu20ha.

tain its own identity, brands and

John Burke, chief executive,

said there would be no com-

pulsory redundancies, "It offers

a perfect opportunity to huild

on the strength of the Bank of

Ireland," he said. The deal will

combine Bristol & West with

Bank of Ireland Mortgages

Mr Molloy said the £600m ac-

based in Reading.

management structure.

The increase was welcomed even by Kenneth Clarke, Chancellor of the Exchequer, who has in the past raised doubts about the need for the EBRD. But Mr Clarke said this first increase in its capital would also be the last.
"Three years ago such an in-

crease would have been inconceivable," he said, alluding to the bank's reputation for ex-

president, Jacques Attali. He paid tribute to the achievements of Jacques de Larosière, the current president, in transforming the EBRD while holding running costs constant.

In future, ministers intend the EBRD to be self-financing, like other international organisations such as the World Bank. All ministers from the 57 member countries have agreed to the capital increase, a process

made more palatable to financially strapped treasuries by agreeing to spread payments over an eight-year period, start-ing in April 1998, and by allowing 60 per cent of payments to be made in promissory notes. Mr de Larosière received

countless other plaudits for turning the hank around since he took over the helm three and a half years ago. He has trans-

formed Mr Attali's "glistening hank" - noted for the luxury of its London headquarters - into a model of fiscal respectability. Overheads have dropped

from 30 to 24 per cent of the operating budget, allbeit at the cost of levelling staff salaries, and much of the "glitter" is being torn out of the headquarters huilding to prepare floors for sub-letting. Mr de Larosière's hair-shirt

approach to running the institution has even earned the approval of the US delegation, which stopped its payments to the bank during Mr Attali's tenure.

The assistant secretary for international affairs at the US treasury, David Lipton, said that hank payments had been

pay down the rest of the appropriation.
The only note of dispute in

Sofia came over the question of "graduation" for the more advanced central European countries, notably Poland, the Czech Republic, Hungary and Slova-kia. Western ministers are urging bank officials to seek out investments in the more "difficult" countries of the former Soviet Union. They want central European countries to switch to commercial borrowing as they

achieve investment grade status. Polish and Hungarian delegates are concerned that the bank will fund fewer of their

Mr Clarke added that east European countries should do hetter in liberalising their economies to encourage foreign

ply set a floor to wages, but would be used to raise the in-

comes of the low-paid relative

The employers also raised

practical concerns, such as

to the average over time.

has emerged as non-executive chairman of Cardcast, a comралу that specialises in combating credit card fraud. Shares in the company were priced at 85p last month and start trading on the Alternative

Investment Market today. Cardcast has developed a data-base of stolen cards which it communicates electronically to retailers' computer systems. It is raising £1.7m from the float. The company declined to reveal Mr Whittaker's salary or how much time he would be spending with the group.
Pace Micro Systems, which

claims to be Europe's largest maker of satellite receivers, is the largest of the new listings announced yesterday. It is hoping to achieve a full listing of the company by the end of June in a float that will value the company at around £200m.

The company develops, makes and distributes receivers and decoders for satellite and cable television transmissions. It was founded in 1982 and is still wholly owned by its four main directors including chairman David Hood, who owns 64 per cent, and chief executive Barry Rubery, who controls 26

per cent. Peter Morgan, former direc-tor general of the Institute of Directors and former chairman of the electricity company Swalec, was appointed as nonexecutive chairman of Pace last

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month. Vanguard Medica, a Guildford-based bio-pharmaceutical hopes to raise £40m from a float on the main market next month. No ordinary shares are being sold. The placing with institu-tions and other investors will enable the company to concentrate on the development and commercialisation of drugs, rather than their discovery, the

company says.

La Senza, the lingerie and sleepwear chain, confirmed plans to seek a listing on AIM a float that will raise £15m. Formed in Canada in 1990, it

has been testing stores in the UK for the last 16 months. It has 22 shops in Britain but hopes to extend the number to more than 100 over the next few years.

Think-tank counts the cost of a minimum wage that its effects could be dra-matic. Even allowing for the fact that firms have an incentive to than small ones. In retailing, for could be considerable in areas minimum wage would not sim-

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The introduction of a national minimum wage of as little as £3.50 an hour could result in the closure of small firms and shops, job losses and higher prices, according to preliminary research from the Employment Policy Institute, an independent think-tank. Interviews with a wide range

of employers likely to be affected by a minimum wage, to

exaggerate the likely effects, as many as 3.5 million people who are currently paid less than £3.50 an hour would become more expensive to employ.

"A national minimum wage would mean a total restructur-

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ing of all these firms' pay," said Fred Bayliss, the EPI researcher. He identified catering and re-

lated industries such as hotels, textiles, industrial cleaning, hairdressing and healthcare as

those that would he extensively affected by the introduction of a legal minimum. For example, more than two-thirds of parttime women and about a half of full-time women working in catering and related husinesses earn less than £3.50 an hour. In textiles and clothing, which is covered by collective agreements with unions, around a third of female staff earn less.

Mr Bayliss also suggested that there could be significant industrial restructuring in some industries where big employers generally pay higher rates of pay

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instance, most big supermarkets pay most staff a basic rate above £3.50. It is small and specialist retailers who pay less. "The supermarkets know a national minimum wage will

push out smaller units and direct custom towards them. They are not displeased," he said. An even broader range of husinesses would face knock-on effects if the minimum wage was set above the bottom of their pay scales. Any attempt to re-store differentials would raise pay at all levels. This effect

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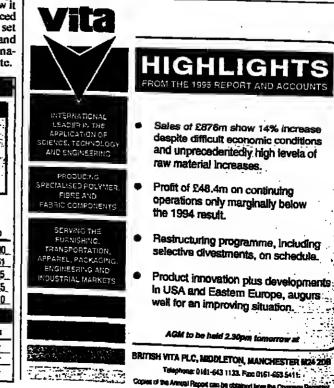
such as local authorities and motor-vehicle retail and repair, where there are graduated skillrelated pay scales. The firms co-operating with the EPI told Mr Bayliss their re-

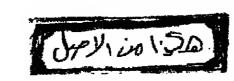
sponse could range from passing on higher costs to customers to cutting jobs in industries like retailing where stiff com-petition made it impossible to raise prices. Some said a minimum wage would create a strong incentive to switch work to the "informal" economy. Many were concerned that a

whether a lower training rate for young employees would he allowed, whether the introduction of a national minimum wage would be phased in and how it would be enforced. They voiced strong opposition to a new set of government inspectors, and some suggested using the national insurance inspectorate.

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Railtrack sale is straight off the back of a lorry

profits, earned while the company was in the public sector? She described the initiative, confirmed in yesterday's prospectus, as a "monstrous out-

rage" and who knows, from a moral perspective she may well be right. But it certainly hasn't done prospects for this most controversial of privatisations any harm.

On the contrary, it served to underline the generosity of the post-privatisation dividend policy, giving another kiek to the smoothly orehestrated marketing campaign. What better way to whet the appetite of investors than to complain they are being offered outrageous dividends. Well done, Clare.

Together with the £30m interim next February, the dividend commitment will bring a handsome 12-month return of 11-12 per cent on the 190p part-paid shares. And there is plenty more where that came from. Private investors get the first instalment at a discount to the institutional offer. The result is that the total first-year return is approaching 20 per cent - 1ax free for those who use Peps - or about four times as much

as from a building society. Furthermore, the second instalment is payable in a new tax year, allowing those who want to fill their boots - and their single company Peps - with Railtrack to use a full two years of allowances. Bar giving this

investment story. The regulator has also agreed that Railtrack can keep 75 per cent of property profits above those already taken into account in setting track access charges. More important than both of these, the regulatory regime, setting track access charges at inflation minus 2 per cent from now on, is a good deal less onerous than might it might have been.

Furthermore, the stiog has been taken out of the performance regime which in theory should be forcing Railtrack to pay compensation for any mishaps that delay trains. In the first couple of years, Railtrack will be reimbursed for almost all the penalties incurred, and they will not be fully phased in until after the end of the century.

It was always inevitable that Railtrack would be priced to sell rather than to maximise revenue for the taxpayer. As it is, the Government has chosen to knock the shares out as if they had fallen off the back of a lorry. Labour's bluster won't balt this one.

Flexible labour makes for a feel-bad factor

At the Lille jobs summit earlier this month, ministers and officials went out of their way to extol the benefits of the flex-

pean counterparts, and that is its tendency to deliver a lower tax take than the old "jobsfor-life" way of organising things. Government figures later this week are expected to confirm that public borrowing last financial year was at least £3bo higher than the Treasury forecast at the time of the last Budget and some £11hn higher than predicted 18 months ago. This is only in part due to the Treasury's notoriously unreliable forecasting record. Nor is it wholly accounted for

by the Government's failure to deliver

promised cuts in public spending. The villain is a much lower tax take than anticipated.

Both the Treasury and Customs & Excise have begun inquiries into how they could have gone so badly awry. The answer is likely 10 be that it wasn't really their fault; the economy has changed so fundamentally that it doesn't behave as it used to. Just as this has been a recovery without the feelgood factor, for much the same reasons it has also been a recovery without the expected rise in tax yield. It is not just in the area of corporation tax and VAT - where the accountants have been working overtime to minimise returns - that the tax take is falling short of expectations. Across the board, tax yields have been lower than they should

have been for this stage of the recovery. This in turn may have been caused by the company away, the Government could lible, deregulated labour market. However, changing nature of the workplace. Well-

have a poor understanding of

to combine with other regula-

tors, consumer bodies and

educational authorities to start

initiatives. Noting that in the

US, trade bodies sponsor com-

petitions in schools, Mr Thor-

pe said increasing financial

awareness needed to begin at

a much earlier stage.

Mr Thorpe said Imro hoped

investments generally.

Did SBC Warburg set a trap for Clare Short, with its little wheeze of paying a £69m divideod out of last year's Railtrack These share incentives are only part of the Clarke will not be boasting of to his Euro-As often as not they are replaced by lowerpaid, often temporary, part-time work. Meanwhile the black economy is blossoming in a way that partly compensates for the lower earnings to be had out of legitimate employment. (The Government denies this but the wealth of anecdoral evidence suggests otherwise). Furthermore, because continued job insecurity (the most potent feature of the feel-bad factor) discourages spending, indirect tax such as VAT is not growing at the rate it should.

Large corporations with their state of the art tax avoidance techniques make an easy and politically beguiling explanation for poor tax returns but they are only a minor part of the problem. When Kenneth Clarke next urges our Continental partners to adopt the Anglo-Saxon approach to labour markets, he had better warn them; it won't make their task of meeting the Maastricht criteria on public borrowing any easier.

Too little, too late for building societies

As the stampede from mutuality contin-tues, the Government's efforts to provide special conservation status for the endangered building society movement look increasingly irrelevant.

John Burke, chief executive of Bristol & West, which yesterday announced its sale to the Bank of Ireland, rightly described them as "too little, too late". The answer to the question, can they be saved, is being loudly trumpeted by the market, and sounds very much like "certainly not". While, no doubt, a few well-rooted regional societies will remain, relics of a byegone age, the days of building societies as a significant part of sav-ings and lending in Britain are rapidly being counted.

Is this a mistake we will all come to regret? Are we standing by while some inherently superior form of doing business is being crushed by the brute force of capitalism on the rampage, as some of the more melodramatic of the stakeholder apologists would have us fear? Surely not.

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Markets by their very nature evolve, and those firms that thrive are the ones that best achieve the difficult balance of keeping customers, employees and sharebolders or stakeholders happy, whatever the form or label giveo to their way of doing business. More ridiculous, however, is the alarmist suggestion that these once cautious businesses, as soon as they convert to ple status, will lose their heads in profligate lending sprees, sowing the seeds of a UK savings and loans disaster of US or Japan-

ese proportions. Building societies never offered a panacea against poor management, just as ples are no recipe for disaster.

IN BRIEF

 Coats Vivella, the textiles group, is to cut 2,700 jobs in the UK and India as part of a £50m re-structuring programme announced earlier this year. Around 1,300 of the redundancies will take place in the UK over the next two to three years. The company has yet to disclose details of the cuts though it has large factories in the East Midlands, Northern Ireland and West Scotland. A further 1,400 voluntary redundancies are to be sought in India. The company blamed intense competition from lower-cost international producers for the action.

 The UK venture capital industry enjoyed a bumper year in 1995 with investment by UK firms up by 22 per cent to £2bn. According to a survey by the British Venture Capital Association, investment in the East Midlands rose by nearly four-and-balf times in 1995. The South-east share of the total investment remained constant at 34 per cent. Scotland remained popular with venture capitalists with more companies per thousand receiving invest-ment there than in any other UK region. The South-west had the

• Time Warner, the media and entertainment group, reported a deeper first-quarter loss because of sluggish music sales and higher costs relating to several large cable acquisitions. Operating losses of \$93m (£62m) compared with a \$47m loss a year earlier, were greater than analysts had beeo expecting. Sales in the music division were down as retailers cut prices and the direct marketing business was also weak. Group sales rose 17 per cent

• The Takeover Panel is investigating certain valuations used by Redland in its bid for Ennemix, the aggregates company. The investigation follows a complaint by Ennemix about statements made by Redland in a document that questioned its net asset valuation. The dispute centres on a valuation carried out by Grimley, the chartered surveyors. The panel's executive said it is discussing the matters with the Royal Institute of Chartered Surveyors. Rediand has bid 32p per share for Ennemix, valuing the company at £5.8m.

John Melbourn has been appointed a non-executive director of Tesco, the supermarkets group. Mr Melbourn is a director and deputy group chief executive of National Westminster Bank. City Diary, page 18

 KS Biomedix, the fledgling biotechnology group, has announced the start of phase II clinical trials of its rheumatoid arthritis drug, CBF-BS2. The results of the double blind trial involving 120 patients are due by June next year, but preliminary results are ex-pected at the end of 1996. Earlier preliminary studies showed 76 per cent of a sample of 33 patients registered an improvemeot after treatment with the compound. The estimated market for this type of rheumatoid arthritis drug is said to be worth

Imro to shake up high-risk firms

JOHN EISENHAMMER Financial Editor

Imro, the City watchdog, yes-terday announced a radical plan to lighten the supervision of responsible firms to focus on those judged a high risk to investors. Imro, which mainly regulates the fund management industry, also called for a national campaign to educate people about investment after research revealed a "lamentable level of ignorance in the

majority of investors". Phillip Thorpe, chief executive said: "We are now looking at a population that must make decisions about retirement, health, housing and education where in the past we may have been able to rely on the state for assistance. But we cannot expect people to take respon-sibility for difficult financial decisions without sufficient understanding."

Mr Thorpe said Imro's proposals were based on rewardby easing the burdeo of external regulation. Those that had proved themselves worthy of irust would be expected to take on increased internal compliance commitments.

Imro will introduce the new regulatory proposals through a pilot project that will run into next year, involving 50 firms se-lected from a broad cross-sec-tion of its 1,100 member firms.

"While, inevitably, there will

Alongside the proposed changes in the way it conducts he firms and individuals that will continue to respond only regulation, Imro said there to discipline, the majority of firms have a capacity to rewas an urgent, national need spond to more positive forms of eneouragement." Mr for promoting investor awareness. Research last year showed investors continue to Thorpe said.

Conceding that there was a high risk to Imro should the experiment back-fire, Mr Thorpe said the watchdog would be most careful about the firms it

If the pilot proves successful, the idea is to move quickly to a tailored form of regulation for the substantial majority of Imro members.

"After all, it is only about 10 per cent of our firms that seem to be chronically unable to meet the good investment criteria, and it is on them we wish to concentrate our efforts." he said.

The criteria for inclusion in Imro's new project include a good regulatory history, strong internal compliance, sound finaoces, and above all an assessment that the bri low risk to investors. Imro's risk assessment will remain confi-

"We are very resistant to the idea of handing out risk ratings, that is not our husiness,' said Mr Thorpe.

Those firms allowed lighter regulation will receive more frequent, but shorter visits from linro, and will be allowed a greater opportunity for self-correction.



The finalists in Veuve Clicquot's busi woman of the year contest were announced today. The three finalists pic tured here are (from left): Linda Allen, managing director of Norfolk-based Howard Long International, which prepares food for supermarkets and restau-rants; Rosalyn Wilton, managing director

of Reuters Transaction Products, and Annoushka Ducas, managing director of jewellery and giftware company Links of London. The other two finalists are Janet Holmes a Court, chairman of the Stoll Moss Theatres Foundation, and Mary-Lorraine Hughes, managing director of Stoke on Trent-based Portmeirion Potteries.



AN IMPORTANT MESSAGE

FOR MEMBERS OF BRISTOL & WEST

As you may already know, the Board of the Bristol & West Building Society yesterday

announced that it intends to recommend to Members that Bristol & West should become

part of Bank of Ireland Group.

Customers of 8ristol & West are being sent a Notice explaining the reasons for the

decision together with a leaflet, Answers to Your Questions.

A free Information Line has been set up on 0800 886633. Lines will be open from

8.00 am to 8.00 pm Monday to Friday and 8.00 am to 1.00 pm on Saturdays.

Full details about the transaction will be circulated in due course in a Transfer

Document for consideration at a Special General Meeting of the Society when eliqible

Members will have the opportunity to vote on the proposal.

Members should note, however, that no decisions are to be taken

on this matter at the Society's Annual General Meeting on 19 April 1996.

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Amey finds new road to success

Shares in Amey, the UK's fourth-largest road-builder, have suffered in line with the Government's U-turn on the road programme. But Amey has continued to prosper, even if the market has not noticed until recently. The shares were reinvigorated last month by news Amey was paying £15m for Western Infrastructure Maintenance Company, one of British Rail's seven maintenance operations. That looks a knock-down price for a group with profits of £14.8m last year and is cheap when account is taken of various

to a continuing level of £5m-£6m.
As Neil Ashley, chairman, commented yesterday, WIMU represents a "quantum leap" in Amey's facilities management and maintenance business. Already providing 61 per cent of last year's profits of £5.32m. it will increase the contribution from facilities management to 76 per cent. By con-trast, roads represent less than a third of the group's business.

extra charges likely to reduce profits

The group has been moving away from its roots in traditional construction since at least 1991, when it first dipped its toe into facilities management. Last year it picked up the £20ma-year contract to manage a huge chunk of the operations of the city of Portsmouth. The increased mix of fee-related business from the Portsmouth work, plus the maturing of earlier contracts, helped margins in facilities management more than double to 4.1 per cent last year, despite turnover and capital employed falling in the division.

Mr Ashlev expects the husiness to double this year and his contacts with senior Labour politicians suggest there is little threat from a new socialist government to the continued growth of outsourcing in state and local authority operations. As well as maintaining 870 kilometres of important roads, new areas for Amey could involve aircraft maintenance for the RAF, while an announcement on the acquisition of specialist health consultancy in the environment, health and safety area is expected before the end of the month.

Elsewhere, Amey's membership of the Autolink consortium with Taylor Woodrow and Sir Robert McAlpine bas yet to meet with success in hidding for the Government's new generation of design, huild, finance and operate contracts. But an announcement on the Croydon tram project is due this week and Amey has high hopes of winning work on the A19 and M6 routes.

Profits of £9.7m this year, including around £4.5m from WIMU, would put the shares, unchanged at 194p, on a forward multiple of 9. Given low harriers to entry and a claimed £100bn market, THE INVESTMENT COLUMN these days, notably the continuing Monopolies Commission review of

by pre-Easter traffic build-up, there

were a number of strong perfor-

mances from BAA's seven airports,

which indicate underlying strength

Stansted increased its passenger

pean flights. An increase in the num-ber of flights to Africa should also

boost Gatwick's figures for March.

£313m of group net-income at the

BAA is getting better and better at persuading loose-walleted tourists to

part with their cash at its airport shops and has 262,000 more square

feet of retail space coming on stream

a brake on the BAA share price also

seem to troubling City heads less

Share price pence

Other issues that had been acting as

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nine-month stage.

AMEY: at a glance

The key point is that passenger num-

rather than one-off boosts.

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facilities management will become increasingly competitive, but Amey's head start leaves it well placed. The shares remain attractive, although the

BAA cashes in on dwell time

Yesterday's passenger traffic figures from BAA were hardly earth shattering but they do represent a bers are only part of the story. Retail spending during passenger "dwell time" is now a significant revenue stream for BAA and accounted for steady trend. March figures were up 11 per cent on the same month last year, following February's 12 per cent

The improvements bave provided a welcome boost for the share price, which bad been suffering from a period of weakness last year as a result of weak passenger numbers during the hot summer. After hottoming out at 465p in December they have now risen to 547p, up 2p yesterday, and several analysts think there is

more left to come. While March's figures were boosted

Five-Year record

Profit by activity (£m)

airport charges.

Kleinwort Benson has not changed its forecasts and is still expecting profits of £418m for the 12 months to last March, to be reported in June, and £460m for the current year. That puts the shares on a forward rating of 18, dropping to 16. Not cheap, hut worth holding.

numbers by 40 per cent due to an in-crease in Irish traffic and a number of Fry pale after demise of BES new carriers using the airport. Gatwick also improved by nearly 20 per cent due to an increase in US and Euro-

Johnson Fry was a name to conjure with when the business expansion scheme was at its beight, but has become a pale shadow of its former self since the end-ing of the scheme in 1993. However, the ebullient Charles Fry who led the business in the glory days of the 1980s bas had plenty of experience of snatching victory from the jaws of defeat. Thirty months ago he rescued the remains of JF from the rum of LIT Holdings. the financial conglomerate into which it was reversed in 1989.

Yesterday Johnson Fry confirmed its continuing recovery, despite announcing pre-tax profits cut from £4.18m to £2.88m in the year to December. The figures were inevitably distorted by the ending of the BES scheme. JF pulled in £250m to invest in decaying repossessed property in the dying days of the scheme and picked up a 10 per cent fee for managing a £30m refurbishment which gave a one-off boost to the 1994 figures.

The legacy of the BES is that the group has been left with managing a £900m property portfollo, balf of which is re-possessed, which it will be looking to liquidate in two years when the rules allow. That will hit revenues when the time comes, but the good news is that many of the properties are likely to prove unsaleable in the current climate and so at least some of the management contracts will continue.

JF is also in the running for a slice of the work managing the £2hn housing estate of the Ministry of Defence when it goes out to tender.

Meanwhile, the group's more tradi-tional areas of dreaming up new financial products and managing other people's money go from strength to strength. Funds under management up from £270m in 1994 to over £400m now look well on their way to the target of £1hn in three years. Profits this year of £3.5m would put the

shares, up 12p at 134p, on a prospec-tive p/e ratio of 9. Reasonable value,

Soros on Soros, straight from the horse's mouth

CITY DIARY

JOHN WILLCOCK

"This is normally a very

some pretty dire results in the back of the report," one

fund manager said yesterday. "But actually Sherwood did

John Melbourn, who retires

as deputy group chief executive of National Westminster

Bank this year, was vesterday

made a non-executive direc-

tor of Tesco. Mr Melbourn,

NatWest man, and spent the

lending.

As such he was the bank's

main negotiator with the late

Rohert Maxwell, and played

a big part in clearing up the mess when the Maxwell busi-

58, has been a life-long

last few years dealing with the bank's big corporate

quite well."

bad sign that the company wants to distract you from

Anyone who enjoyed the autobiography. Soros on Soros, by George Soros, the billionaire hedge-fund entrepreneur, may wish to listen to the book which has now been transferred to four audio cassettes and read by -George Soros.

A review will appear as soon as we can persuade someone to listen all the way through it ...

Palses were raised at a nor-mally sober institutional fund manager's yesterday when it received a copy of the 1995 Sherwood Group annual report and accounts.

The Nottingham-based lace and garments maker has included, alongside the normal facts and figures, two glossy colour triple-pull-out photos of glamorous young female models wearing. quite frankly, not that much apart from the company's

ness empire collapsed. Tesco should be a lot

Now it can be told. The re-



The following missive plupped onto the Diary's desk yester-day: "With the increasingly global nature of frand a new survey has highlighted a list of potential fraud 'hnt spots' which contains some surprising findings. The survey, carried nut by international accountants KPMG in 18 countries spanning five continents, identified the US, Singapore (above) and Italy among potential frand 'hot spots'." Not that much of a surprise about Singapore. Wasn't that the place where a mere £600m disappeared last year from Barings Bank courtesy of Nick Leeson – now in jail for, um, fraud? cent decision by Halifax Building Society to dump SBC Warburg as its adviser during the run-up to its float prompted a buzz of speculation in City pariours.

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Now its appears that the straw which broke the camel's back for Halifax was when it was told by SBC Warburg that the hank was also advising Bank of Ireland on its bid for Bristol & West. The prospect of "business trips" to Dublin must be ample recompense to the chaps at SBC Warburg.

Brian Weight joined JP Morgan straight from Cambridge

It was therefore quite a coup for BZW to poach him vesterday, to become the investment bank's chief credit Officer within its risk man- 🦸 agement division.

Mr Weight, 46, has experience in risk management at JP Management as well as stints in energy and project finance in Singapore, Australia and the US.

Mr Weight is also a keen local historian, having contributed several chapters to a history of Bath. the historic West Country spa

More appointments: "J R Compton, the manufacturer of teabags and other long-fibred papers which was a £100m management buyout backed by 3i and Schroder Ventures, from De La Rue in September 1995 has appointed Adrian Buckmaster as non-executive chairman.

Long-fibred paper, eh? Whoever would have thought it. Brings to mind Molins, the company that makes the machines which produce pyramid-shaped

Molins us also the world's largest maker of small and medium-sized cigarette-making machines.

Not many people know

John Walmsley: Initiated the streamlining et Hardy

Hardy Oil & Gas sells US operations **MAGNUS GRIMOND**

Hardy Oil & Gas has sold its US operations for \$179m (£118m), with most of the husiness going to a company hacked by Enron Corporation, the giant US

energy group.

The move is part of a stream-lining of the group initiated by John Walmsley, the former finance director of Enterprise Oil,

assets and an interest in the For-ties field in the North Sea. It has announced plans to withdraw from the Netherlands, Libya, Algeria and Namibla.

Acquiror, a new company fi-nanced by Enron Capital and Trade Resources, is effectively paying \$171m for Hardy Oil & Gas USA. The sale will include proven reserves of 21.7m who became managing director at the end of 1994. Last year further 6.8m barrels of probaharrels of oil equivalent, plus a

ther 2.6m barrels is to be sold by Hardy USA to a third party for \$8m.

The sale price is equivalent to \$7.37 per proved barrel of oil equivalent or \$5.76 when probable reserves are taken into account. Hardy said the disposal would lead to a write off of £7.7m, hut would eliminate borrowings, while the group would retain exposure to operations in the Gulf of Mexico

Hardy got rid of its Canadian bly reserves. Separately, a fur-through options to participate en the group's hand in talks to in certain exploitation opportunities.

Douglas Baker, chairman. described the sales as "a major step forward in the strategic retalks on several deals aimed at expanding its current portfolio of oil and gas fields. Cash raised from yesterday's

sale would help to develop those fields, hut also strength-

expand elsewhere, Mr Baker

"The objective of the firm has always been to grow, so we would certainly be looking to focusing we began last year". Mr
Baker said the group was in
"You would start to see the green shoots of that (policy) over the next six months," be

> Baker declined to name any specific areas where the group was seeking deals.

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Britannia Group (F)	49.0m (46.4m)	0.71m (1.66m)	3.1p (5.3p)	1.5p (1.6p)
Dinkie Heel (F)	7.47m (5.73m)	0.59m (0.59m)	3.59p (3.47p)	1 5p (1.4p)
Johnson Fry (F)	30.9m (29.8m)	2.88m (4.18m)	20.7p (17.9p)	4p (2p)
Olives Property (F)	· l-)	0.75m (0.62m)	1.27p (1.16p)	0.4p (0.3p)
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This week and every week, Section Two has a new look, with more pages, new features, a daily radio column and an expanded listings section providing Britain's most comprehensive daily guide to going out.

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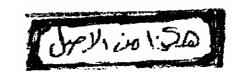
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US interest rates vs foreign rates

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· Germany marks time as the dollar finds its level

Normalisation is one of those English words used only by people to whom English is not a first language, but you can see why Hans Tietmeyer, president of the Bundesbank, was employing it at the weekend to describe the recent decline of the mark. For the surge in the mark over the last year has been quite aboormal and receot declines have gone only some way to restoring it to a level German exporters find acceptable. Indeed, if you wanted to find one single reason for the new recession in Germany the strength of the mark must be at the top of the pile.

Yesterday the currency fell further, breaking through key chart levels against the dollar of DM1.5075 and DM1.5065, leading to suggestions that "normalisation" still has a long way to run.

When currencies refuse to do what they ought rationally to be domg, the obvious questions are: how long can they behave in this way, and how much damage will they cause meanwhile? When currencies behave as they ought to, the questions are: will they continue to correct, will they stop, or will they overshoot; and bow quickly will previous damage be repaired?

It is time now to start applying these second set of questions to the key tripartate currency relationship of the world, that between the dol-

lar, the mark and the yen. The background to these question is set out in the left-hand graph: as you can see there has been a sharp and sustained recovery of the dollar against the yen since April of last year, taking place in two phases. There was a bounce from June/July through to September, theo a steady consolidation to the present.



ECONOMIC VIEW HAMISH McRAE

Against the mark, however, while the trough of the dollar was less pro-nounced, there has been only the most muled of recoveries; we are not yet back to the level of the beginning of last year.

Determining the "right" level for currencies is always a black art, and the dollar rate is io any case a crude proxy for any currency's value. But there is a common-sense case to be made that the dollar/yen rate of close to Y110 gives the Japanese economy a chance to stage a recovery, whereas the DM1.50 rate is still damaging to the German one.

That would square with what seems to be happening. A Japanese recovery, still desperately fragile, at last seems to be taking place; but the German economy has been pushed

charts - are now looking for the dol-lar to climb to around DM1.60 and Y120. There are two further arguments to support this, at least as far as the mark is concerned. One is interest rate differentials.

The implied forward market forecast for US interest rates, set out in the right-hand chart, shows a climb to 6 per cent by the eod of next year, which would certainly underpin any such move. German interest rates, projected

on the same basis, are flat through most of this year, maybe rising a hit towards the end. (Interest rate differentials are by no means the only force governing currencies, but they do have a strong influence on them.)

The other is momentum. It is an

observable fact that once currencies 'Determining the rate of currencies

has always been a black art'

Interest Rates

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back into recession. Theo Waigel, the head solidly in one direction, it German finance minister, told his takes quite a lot to stop them. The EU colleagues at the Verona meet-dollar is in an upswing, so anyone ing last weekend that "there is very little chance of 1.5 per cent growth this year" and the latest market forecasts put growth at less than 1 per

So the first question; will the currencies continue to correct? The technical analysis - the people who draw patterns from the pattern of the past were repeated,

who has bought it in recent months will have made money. Human nature being what it is, dealers have to have quite a strong view to want to bet against it until new informatioo comes along. That is why currencies

frequently overshoot. If the normal long-term cyclical one might therefore expect a sus-tained, if bumpy, climb of the dol-lar for the oext couple of years before it became obvious that a new downtrend would have to begin. My own view is that just such a bumpy upswing will be sustained, though I would hate to be tied down to a statement of its likely duration. But

there are reasonable doubts. Some of these come from future interest rate movements. Aside from showing the forward market projects, the right-hand graph also shows some other forecasts of dollar and mark interest rates from HSBC Markets. Other City forecasters would also accept that the rise in rates implied by the forward markets is too sharp.

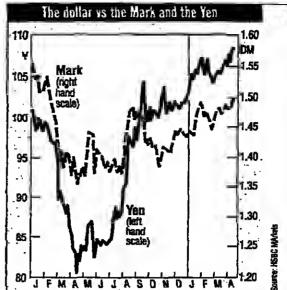
These show a very different pat-

tern: steady US rates through the summer of this year, and then falling rates from the autumn onwards; and more slowly falling mark rates. Leave aside the mark forecast and

focus on the US one, for if that is right, it would knock away the interest rate support for the dollar. That would not necessarily reverse the dollar's recovery, but it would

knock it on the head.

Other doubts come from the policy-markers; whether officialdom in the US, German and Japan wants a continued dollar recovery. The yen is more affected by Japanese policy than the mark by German, and while both the ministry of finance and the Bank of Japan have been firmly in favour of the movement over the last year a rate somewhere hetweeo Y110 and Y120 may be deemed appropriate. As for the mark, while the remarks of Dr Tietmeyer suggest that a further fall in the mark is welcomed there, the Buodesbank certainly does not want a weak currency.



As for the US, this is an election assurance is that if the dollar does push up to those chart points ooted year, so anything (like an overly-strong dollar) which undermined above, the officials will start to try

'It is easier to push through unpleasant policies if the economy is growing well'

lem in either case.

In Japan, that remains one of cor-

porate and banking weakness, cou-pled with the need for deregulation

and tax reform. In France and Ger-

economic growth would be particu- to cap the dollar, with words, if nothlarly unwelcome.

In any case the whole American policy machine has noted with some pride the way in which the soft dollar has helped sustain a low-inflation economic recovery which is the envy of Europe and Japan. America will not want the surge in the dollar to be sustained if it starts hitting US

What one can say with reasonable many problems of unemployment

acceptable politically - it is much easier to push through unpleasant policies if the economy is growing well - but that is all. The moral here is surely threefold.

First, that "normalisation" is immensely welcome, and that it will be even more welcome it if continues awhile yet. Second, that some further ing more. Is the present rise enough dollar rise is likely (which, incidento support the Japanese recovery and recreate the Continental European tally, could mean a pound back in the \$1.40 region).

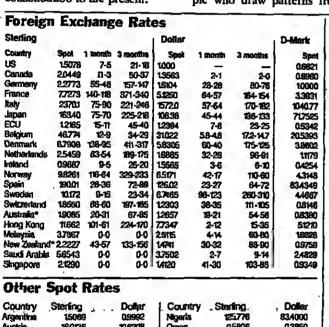
And third, that if this rise does ocone? Yes, but only in the sense that the dollar is not really the core prob-

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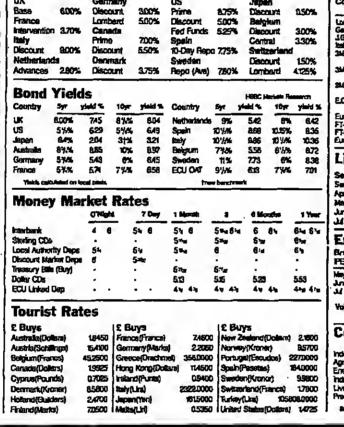
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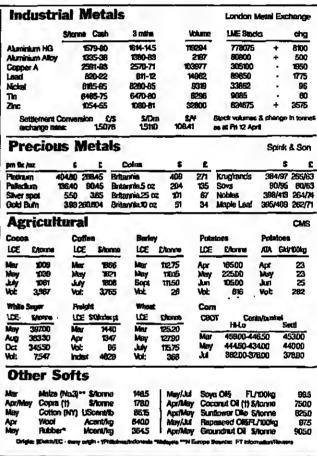
cur it merely creates a set of circumstances which make it easier for Japan and Europe to make the structural changes to their economy which they know they have to do; it will not of itself solve their problem.







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This year the back-up pack has hit record highs no less than 26 times and achieved number 27 yesterday with an 8.7 points gain to 4,416.7.
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At least one individual fac-They moved into uncharted territory in February when they achieved their seventh stituent, was traded for the first time in its reconstructed form Since then, however, the and with US buyers piling in

the less illustrious 250 shares the rescue of Grand Metropolitan which has for long un-derperformed. Whispers the food and drink giant was on the verge of a hig US deal helped lift the shares 17p to 446p. But there was little flesh on the speculation; just what shape the rumoured deal, if it mate-

MARKET REPORT DEREK PAIN Stock market reporter of the year

RMC, the aggregate and

cement group, remained in demand, gaining 24p to 1,093p. It is a big beneficiary of the feel-good factor which is seeping into the market and should

score from any cut in German interest rates on Thursday

when it is due to announce

year's figures. Around £321m against £283.3m is expected.

Others with building inter-

American connections. The planned flotation of the glittery Planet Hollywood restaurant chain could, it was suggested, prompt Rank to consider seek-ing a quote for its extensive restaurant interests, particularly the Hard Rock Cafe operation. It was enough to lift the shares 8p to 525p.

to 616p.
Dixons, ahead of an analysts meeting today, firmed 4p to 489p; Elys, the Wimbledon de-

partment store, held at 560p as hostile bidder Panther Securities said it had the support of 48.45 per cent of the capital.
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Oils eased after their recent excitement although Hardy Oil & Gas, selling its US operations, rose 12p to 252p. Hotels were broved by strong trading at Stakis and Arcadian International. Queens Moat Houses continued what most experts regard as its asmost experts regard as its as-

few coppers to 751p ahead of today's shareholders' meeting at which share buy-back speculation should be satisfied.

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tonishing progress with a 4.5p gain to 29.75p, a new high, in busy trading. Friendly Hotels,

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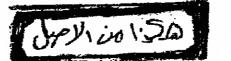
Bovis business. P&O dipped 2p 619p. Cable and Wireless gave to 616p.

10p to 525p on stories the control of the Chinese authorities were unhappy about any BT involve- is estimated it could have ment with Hong Kong more than £15m in the bank.
Telecom. BT was little changed Mr Howard has been searching, so far without success, for an acquisition. Profits at 371p.

Bank of Ireland's descent on the Bristol & West Building Social from 13.2m to almost 64m. The shares rose ciety lifted the shares 19p to most £4m. The shares rose 458p but Reuters weakened a 2p to 41p, equalling their 12 month high.

> ☐Bruntcliffe Aggregates, where two hostile former directors have built a signifito 290p (after 281p) on suggestions the Swiss group Elektrowatt was having difficulty

The FT-SE index, measuring the stock market's 100 blue chips, stretched to its new high with a 23.7 gain to 3,790.5. This year Footsie has climbed 101.2; the supporting index is up nearly 400. Continuing takeover speculation and the re-emergence of lower interest rates hopes pro-	rialised, would take was unclear. Some suggested that Grandmet could be thinking of floating its US Pillshury food operation; others thought it could be near to selling its lossmaking eye-care chain. Pearl.	others with building retail- nissed the fun. A 21 mil- trade by Merrill Lynch ed sentiment and seemed rompt stories of manage- t changes. The securities house bought es at 94p from one insti- m, placing them with an- er at 95.5p. Others with building them est firmed although Homes, said to be buying P&O's Bovis off-shoot, shaded 3p P&O confirmed it had disposal programme way when it reported in last month. At that time its intention was to firmed although Homes, said to be buying P&O's Bovis off-shoot, shaded 3p P&O confirmed it had been should the said to be buying P&O's Bovis off-shoot, shaded 3p P&O confirmed it had been should them at the said to be buying P&O's Bovis off-shoot, shaded 3p P&O confirmed it had been should them at them at the said to be buying P&O's Bovis off-shoot, shaded 3p P&O confirmed it had been should them at the said to be buying P&O's Bovis off-shoot, shaded 3p P&O confirmed it had been should them at the said to be buying P&O's Bovis off-shoot, shaded 3p P&O confirmed it had been should them at the said to be buying P&O's Bovis off-shoot, shaded 3p P&O confirmed it had been should the said them at	busy trading. Friendly Hotels, reflecting its US-inspired transbuilding formation, put on 16p to 168p. Arcadian added 3p to 48p. British Biotech, with the removal of the Japanese share overhang, gained 120p to exist the its aid 2,485p and Boots, on Nat West before the Securities support, rose 4p to the	The Swiss had hoped to sell a German group and such deal would have triggered a di under the City's takeover ode. If the German talks are not backuded Elektrowatt may a forced to place its shares in the market. Aegis, the media buyer, has been strong since Omnicon, a US group, sold its 9 per cent shareholding earlier this month. The price moved ahead a further 1p to 53.5p on suggestions of stake building.
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As anyone in Newmarket will tell you, this week will see the seasonal debut of this year's Derby winner, not to mention both the Guineas winners and the latest sprinting sensation. They are probably right, too, but there is still one slight problem to be overcome before we can all set about roining our bookies. Ask 10 different people, and you will get 30 different names.

If over-optimism were a criminal offence, 99 per cent of the population at Flat racing's Headquarters would currently be behind bars, with the re-mainder being that tiny minority who will actually be proved correct. And after each Classic, do not be surprised if every last one of them appears from nowhere to tell you smugly, "of course, I hacked him before he ran at the Craven meeting".

Enjoy these days of hope and anticipation, for they will not be and Blue Duster solidly rooted

with us for long. Remember too that, on the opening day of the Craven meeting at least, the obvious place to look for a future Classic winner is not necessar-ily the best. The Nell Gwyn Stakes is generally held to be nne of the most significant trials for the 1,000 Guineas, but while eight of today's 11 runners are entered for the fillies' Classic, the latest betting gives only one, Bint Salsabil, a serious

chance in the fillies' Classic. History, too, is on the side of the doubters, since no Nell Gwyn winner has followed up in the Guineas since Oh So Sharp in 1985, and while 15 runners have gone on to contest the Classic during the 1990s, only Sayyedati, who was third in the trial in 1993, has succeeded. These days, it seems, the best fillies wait for the Fred Darling at Newbury or, just as prohably, arrive back from a revitalising winter in Dubai shortly before

Guineas day itself.

at the top of the betting, it will require a performance of considerable merit today if their supporters are to start entertaining doubts. Parentage implies that Bint Salsabil, by Nashwan out of Salsabil, the 1990 Guineas and Oaks winner,

RICHARD EDMONDSON NAP: Earlymorning Light (Hexham 3.15) NB: Maid For The Hills (Newmarket 3.40)

might be the one to do it, but fine breeding did not do Lord Lucan much good and on the halance of her form, Bint Salsabil has achieved surprisingly little.

A 3lh penalty is also no help, and Mezzoginrun (next best 3.40) is a realistic alternative. Geoff Wragg's filly was runner-up in the Houghton Sales Stakes over course and distance last year, and is the subject of en-

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FORM GUIDE Myself won this last year for Peter Chapple-Hyani's yord and, with the stable off to a flying start and landing the Massica Stakes at Kempton with See Sonay, WillD RUMOUR could well deliver here even if she has a bit to find and would prefer o longer destroce. The Saider's Wells filly, yong off tonourie, won her single start at two, delenging Peases Suzanne – woner of her preceding cade and a close third in the Blue Seel on her only other start – half a longth of Massica Suzanne.

ner of her preceding case and a close third in the Blue Seel on the only other stant - high a length at Newbury last September. Wild Rumour looks centain to progress and she can beet Blint Seisabilit and Maild For The Hills. Butt Seisabil won her first two races at two be-fore a disappointing display in the May Hill at Donesster but she bounced right back to take the Group Three Rockel Stakes over course and distance on her first stant. John Durlop's fifly has wintered well and she should go close despite the 3th-concession of round. Moul For The Hills is undefeated after two outings, both over six furlongs on the July Course, and she should have no trouble staying the extra furlong. By Melody Parkipse ran Dance Se-quence to three-parts of a length in the Lowder at the big York meeting and on that effort holds Tartilling Day and Darling Flame, who finished fourth and eighth of one. Thisling Day taker won for a third one when besting Resounder less than a length at Donescuer, while Darling Flame, who earlier dead-heated for second with Dance Sequence in the Cher-ry Hitmon – beaten only helf at length or Aprill or April 2000 and the Service on the Cher-

4.15 NSK SPARK PLUSS SWAFFHAM HANDICAP C4 (CLASS C) £8,000 1m 6f Penalty Value £5,692

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Last year's Ebor Handicap hero, SANMARTINO, is on 10st for his opening outing but condely the weight against three male. Sammarino, basissand when unplaced behind Burning
in the finale on this card a year ago on his debut, improved considerably and followed his
York triumph with a fourth behind Grey Shot at Longchamp (Group Three) at the end of September on his final appearance. The lands, who has changed statises since last year, and
Advance East both finished well besten on their opening runs and the bamped may be
the one to follow Sarmarding home. Unsharped gained consecutive wire at Folkestone and
Criester in 1995 and made a brave bid for the hat-trick at Pointstruct 12 days afterwards,
finding Amen Spirit less than a length too good in a field of 20. Selection: SANMARTINO

4.45 EQUITY FINANCIAL COLLECTIONS HANDICAP (CLASS C)

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5.20 MUSEUM MAIDEN STAKES (CLASS D) £6,000 added 3YO 1m 2f Penalty Value £4,971

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So too has John Gosden's Sacho, to such an extent that he is now a 16-1 chance for the Derby even though he has yet to win so much as a maiden. Sacho should rectify that in today's final race, but wise punters will listen carefully to the trainer's assessment of Sacho's chance and potential.

"The Flat season is very difficult at this time of the year," Gosden said yesterday. "It goes dead after Doncaster but people have still got to write about something, and as soon as you put a decent jockey on a horse and it finishes a gallup half a length up it gets written up. People don't know what the work instructions are or even what it's working with. If I told you what the lead horse was, it might be rated 75 and you'd think, what

"I've always believed that they have to do it on the track. Sacho is OK at this stage but he's very lazy in his work. I couraging mutterings in the pubs and elubs of Newmarket. would see a great deal of improvement in him and I

wouldn't be surprised if he got beaten tomorrow. The other thing you've got to remember is that some borses will work like a dream in the morning, but come the afternoon you can't find them with a search war-

With 15 unexposed oppo-nents today, Sacho is certainly not one to back with absordon, but a horse of considerable promise who is worth a bet is PASSION FOR LIFE (nap 3.05). Geoff Lewis chose the Abernant Stakes as the starting point for Lake Coniston's climb to the top of the sprinting ladder last year, and Passion For Life, who trotted up in a Kempton handicap 11 days ago, is improving so rapidly that he must be followed until he is beaten.

Other worthwhile hets are thin on the ground - Sanmartino, last year's Ebor Handicap winner, will be far too short in the stayers' handicap - but Jerry Cutrona (4.45) is worth a small interest later in the af-

NEWMARKET 2.35: This is a poor maiden by New-

market standards and may go to the newcomer ELSALEET. John Gosden, his trainer, had a 26 per cent strike-rate with three-year-olds making their seasonal debut last year and a similarly smart per-cept age of themen during the mouth of April. The Newmarket trainer again seems to have his string well forward. Mutamanni had the best form of these as a two-year-

old, finishing second in an Ascot maiden event on his debut, but although his trainer does well with horses making their seasonal de-buts, he does not have many win-ners at this time of year. Omara, from Henry Cocil's powerful stable, can be excused a disappointing run on her second miting last year when not of sorts, while Statoyork should be stitled by dropping back a turlone so this trin a furlong to this trip. 3.05: PASSION FOR LIFE, who

bolted in by eight lengths in a six furloug handicap for three-year-olds at Kempton's Bank Holiday meet-ing, looks well treated by the con-ditions of this race. He can make his superior fitness count over the useful Branston Abby and Soviet Line, who would be better over an extra furlong. Easy Dollar should be better for his head second to Hard To Figure in the Quail Stakes at Kemptoo - Wavian (fourth) held - but Cool Jazz, disappoint-ing at Doncaster on Lincoln day, would prefer softer ground. Strug-



best form last year.

3.40: With Bint Salsabil likely to need a longer trip and conceding 3th to all her rivals, this may concern MEZZOGIORNO and Maid For The Hills. The selection, by Un-fuwain, is also bred to get further but showed plenty of pace over this track and trip in chase home useful Rio Duvida in the autumn. She is open in improvement, as is un-beaten Maid For The Hills, whose stable is in form. There are good recent reports about Durling Flame, while Tartiling Day, who is not in the 1,000 Guineas, has been aimed at this race and is well forward.

4 15: Barry Hills has a good record with handicappers here and his Eborwinner, Sanmartino, must be respected. He has plenty of weight though and THALJANAH, who will be suited by the trip and the last ground is preferred. Unchanged needs further, but is progressing. while lightly raced maiden Advance East ran badly at Doncaster for a very inexperienced rider.

Rusedski wins but Henman goes out

Britain's Greg Rusedski pounded out a 6-2, 6-1 victory over Germany's Carl-Uwe Steeh to reach the second round of the Japan Open in Tokyo yesterday but Tim Henman bowed out.

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Henman, the 15th seed, was defeated by the American Jeff Tarango, who caused uproar by walking off court at Wimhledon last year after verbally abusing an umpire. Tarango won 6-1, 6-4, getting the better of a second set which contained four successive breaks of serve.

Rusedski, the 13th seed, hit only two aces with his big serve. hut won 79 per cent of his service points and troubled his opponent with low-bouncing backhand slices as he won in just 55 minutes.

"I was pleased with the way I played. I've been losing a lot of close matches." Rusedski, the world No 47, said. "This is a fast court that suits my style." Henman was not the only

seed to make an early exit as Bernd Karbacher, seeded 14th, was beaten 6-2, 6-4 by his fellow German, Hendrik Dreekman. Denmark's Kenneth Carlsen, seeded 16th, rallied for a 5-7, 6-4, 6-2 victory over Yasufumi Yamamoto, a wild card entry.

Pete Sampras - back to No in the world rankings -Michael Chang and Thomas Enqvist, who won the Indian Open on Sunday, are the top three seeds and receive byes into the second round.

In the men's doubles, Britain's Martin Lee and Chris Wilkinson were heaten 6-3, 6-2 hy the Americans Jim Grabb and Richey Reneberg. Belgium's Sahine Appel-

mans, the women's No 2 seed, was heaten 7-6, 4-6, 6-0 by Japan's Nana Miyagi. The world No 108 was following up a victory over the Swiss teenager, Martina Hingis, in the Lip-Ion tournament last month.

Romania's Irina Spirlea, the eighth seed, showed athleticism, patience and judgment in beating Mary Pierce, of France, 6-7, 6-4, 6-3 in the final of the Bausch and Lomh Championships on Sunday. The 22nd-ranked, 22-year-old

Spirlea's victory, her third tournament title, moved her to 18th in the WTA rankings in her third full year on the women's

Get Smart pulled out of **Badminton**

Equestrianism

GENEVIEVE MURPHY reports from Badminton

Karen Dixon has been forced to withdraw her gallant partner, Get Smart, from the Badminton Mitsubishi Horse Trials which take place from 2 to 5 May. This effectively puts the 15-year-old horse out of the Olympic Games, as he has not competed in a three-day event since winning team gold and individual bronze medals at the

1994 World Equestrian Games. Get Smart, who was withdrawn yesterday hecause of persistent coughing, has a won-derful record at Badminton, having finished in the top 10 here on five occasions. He was also the best British horse when sixth at the 1992 Olympics. Dixon now relies on the dynamic little 10-year-old Too Smart, with whom she was fifth

at Burghley last year. Three other top riders may have to withdraw one of their two horses. General Jock. Kristina Gifford's mount, has a haematoma in the girth area and has not been able to be saddled since falling at Brigstock on Easter Sunday. Mr Mackinnon, the mount of Ian Stark, has been suffering from a virus and Ethelred the Unready, one of Mark Todd's intended partners, has a bruised sole.

Badminton will still have a high-class field and a record first prize of £24,000. Entries include Australia's Matt Ryan (the Olympic champion), New Zealand's Vaughn Jefferis (holder of the world title), Ireland's Lucy Thompson (the European Open champion) and Bruce Davidson of the United States (the winner here last year and top of the 1995 world rankings).



NEWMARKET

3.05 Passion For Life 3.40 Mezzogiorno

4.15 Thaljanah 4.45 White Plains (nb) 5.20 Sacho

GOING: Good to Pirm.

STALLS: Centre, except 2:00 & 4.17 far side. DRAW ADVANTAGE: None.

If Right-hand course with 1m 2f straight.

Gousse is SW of town on A1304, Bus link from Newmarket railway station (served by London, King's Cross). ADMISSION: Glub 514 (16 to 25-year-olds 58); Grandstand & Paddock 510 (16 to 25-year-olds 50); Silver Ring 53, CAR PARE: Members 51; remainrier (rec.

M LEADING TRAINERS WITH BUNNERS: J Gooden—50 winners from 336 nunces gives a success ratio of 14.9% and a loss to a 51 level stake of \$70.49; R Cecil — 49 winners, 238 runners, 20.6%, −536.32; B Hanson — 43 winners, 506 runners, 8.6%, −520.2%; B Hilla — 31 winners, 257 runners, 12.3%, −598.45. 5201.26; B Hills — 31 winners, 253 rusners, 12.3%, 558.45.

■ LEADING JOCKEYS: Pat Eddery — 97 winners, 443 rides, 21.0%, 457.98; L Detori — 67 winners, 477 rides, 14%, 5139.78; W Swinburn — 54 winners, 371 rides, 14.6%, 526.44; W Carson — 49 winners, 445 rides, 11%, 555.70.

BLINKERED FIRST TIME: Missile Toe (4.45). WINNERS IN LAST SEVEN DATS: None. LONG-DISTANCE SUNNERS: Montenerat (3.05) sent 22 miles by L G Control from Duford, Devon; My Melody Parkes (3.40) sent 213 miles by J Berry from Cockerham, Lanc.

2.00 CONSTANT SECURITY MAIDEN STAKES (CLASS 0) £6,000 added 3YO 1m 4f Penalty Value £4,269

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BETTING: 11-4 Sherpes, 4-1 Sasuru, 5-1 Cloff Contender, 6-1 Wilesmouler, 6-1 Volodictory, 9-1 Petrolio, Highward Gift, 10-1 Lakohand Legend, 38-1 others
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FORM GUIDE
Herry Ceoh has a fine record at this floure over the years. The stable's Sebastian made made is successful debut in this a year ago and Ceoh can sinke this time with another new-corner in the shape of SHERFYAS, a son of dual Derby vector Shartey Heights. He might have most to fear from Separum, a son of Darby runner-up Most Welcome and from a good winner-producing mare, was placed in all times attempts in two. Chilef Contender, a son of Sadler's Wells, Enched 335,000 dollars as a yearing and cornes from Feder Crappta-Hyen's yeard, Wilshwooder straced wall in a light first season and is another who could be opening

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FORM GLIDDE
Owners and Westch Me are among four files taking on the coits. Omars, taxourite on her
debut over course and distance last May, led briefly at the two-furiong pole before finishing runner-up behind Paloma Bay, beaten a length and threequatrors but she ran below expectations on her only outing when fifth of eight to Applaud at Leicester – Westch Me less
titan a length in front in fourth. But this race may well go to one of the coits and John Gostion's ELSALEET might be the one. A son of Storm Cat, the selection was a \$120,000 foul
and is half-brother to three winners. Stategorite, a good-looking son of Stotoliest, ran well
when soch of 19 to Even Top Over seven on the July Course on the last of two Juvenile starts.
Selection: ELSALEET WELVILLE, a progressive type and the mount of Jeson Weaver, looks certain to give his backers a sound run. Peter Meidn's charge, storky eway and demed a clear run nearing the lest furing when unplaced on his debut at Laiseaser (5t) lest April, ran Prince Asia to a head over the same trip at Beverley not time – the pair five lengths clear – and he made all over the at Goodwood in September. Prince Asia work on to who the Woodcote Statuse & Epison most time, breaking the stu-furing paventile course record in the process. Judging by the way he was stretching out in the less furing at Goodwood, Weblies should be well at home over this stiff seven. Sumitach starmed home by the lengths over today's trip in a field of 1.4 at Doncaster on Lincohi day, for which he has been resed 6to. If was good to soft at Doncaster but Rag Hoffinshead's number wern in on good to firm letter at Notting sum isst, year. White Palents is another who shapes as though this extra furiong will suffer for our time of the same pounds at Lincoster on his return. Wayspoint, at though a 10-1 champe in a stortuner medien over the darance on the Intglied Equitach, they weeks ago, came home by a length and threquanters and she has a handy weight in her first handicap. Peter Chaptel-Hyam's Ocean Grove, who ran on strongly own a 20-numbr Notting'am maiden over six in September and was a trifler in the betting when fourth to Brandon Magic at Salabury on his fired start, could go well over the eather furlong deeptie top weight.

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FORTM GUIDE

There has not been a more impressive winner or far this season than PASSION FOR LIFE, who spreadesighed his field in a 13-runner Kempton handicap on Easter Saurdey, making all to come home by eight lengths despite being essed. Passion For Life can win this for the Geoff Lewis-Par Eddery combination, successful with Lake Conston 12 morths ago, the Brausson Abby has a tremendous record over the years and amongst her five victores in the Geoff Lewis-Par Eddery combination. Successful with Lake Conston 12 morths ago. 1993 was one over course and distance. Cool Jezz best Branston Abby two short-heads into third of Ascort last September – Easy Dollar eighth of 10 – but the mare can reverse that on 4th more favourable terms even though Cool Jezz has had a recent race, finishing that on 4th more favourable terms even though Cool Jezz has had a recent race, finishing that on the Tomor To

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Selection: PASSION FOR LIFE	If he is to maintain his position as second favourite for the Derby in the	ante-post betting
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MUSSELBURGH

2.00: 1 FULL TRACEABILITY (N Cartisle) 11-B; 2. Docklands Corriage 12-1; 3. Absolutely Abstone 13-2, 4 ran. 5-4 far Neo-Deon (4th), 13-4, 21-4, U Berry, Cockerham). Tota: £1.70, OF: £4.00, CSF: £11.35, MR. Red Romance.

2.30: 1, HAWKSLEY HILL (K Fallon) 5-4 Law. 1. DAWNDLET MILL (N FRIOT) 5-4 fax: 2. Go-Go-Power-Ranger 10-1; 3. Ra-jah 6-4. 6 ran. 174, 174; (Ms.) Ramsden, Tursd, Totae #2.10; £1.50, £3.00. DF: £10.20, CSF; £11.67. 3.00: 1. CARNOCK VALLEY (R Cochrane) 3-

1 g Sec 2. Tenor 4-1; 3. krst Bob 3-1 jt Sex B ren. 24; nk. U Berry, Cockerham). Total: 53.40; 51.70, £1.40, £1.30. DF: £8.20, CSF. £14.53. 3.30: 1. CLASSIC DEFENCE (M Horry) 9 4 fax; 2. Commoté 3-1; 3. Alpino John 5-1, 8 ma. 242, 246, UHBs, Lambourn, Rober 52-6; 61.00, £2.40, £4.30, DF; £4.80, CSF; £9.35.

4.00: 1. DIET (N Conneron) 8.1: 2. Ever-set 7-2 far; 3. Miss Offset 5-1. 14 cas. 3½; 1. (Miss I) Perratt. Ayr). Totas: £9.70: £3.30, £2.80, £2.20. DF. £22.40, CSF. £36.19. In-cast: £151.18. Trac £98.90. 430: 1. TRACLERS FOLLY (L. Charmock) 9-1: 2. Po's Cruiser 12 1: 3. My Gallery 3-1: 2. Po's Cruiser 12 1: 3. My Gallery 3-1: 12 ran, 2-1 fav Don Pepe. 2-b, ni. (Dens Smith, Bishop Auckland). Tota: £11.30; £2.60, £2.40, £2.80. DF: £64.10. CSF:

RACING RESULTS £107.81. Tress: £380.58. Tre: £95.70. Placepot: £61.30. Quadpot: £16.30. Place 6: £51.65. Place 5: £13.64. HEXHAM .

2.10: 1. THE STITCHER (T Reed) 2-1; 2. Craguebusy 5-1; 3. Femine Raumbler 50-1 10 ran. 15-8 fav Whatdidyckey, 12, 9. (L Lingo). Tobe: £1.30; £1.10, £1.20, £1.4.80. DF: £7.10. CSF: £11.95, Tno: £255.80. DF: E7.11. USF: £11.55. INC: £255.50. 2.40: 1. SUPPOSIN (Rectard Quest) 5-1; 2. Whee Advice 4-1; 3. White Diemond 3-150. 9 sen. 6, 8. (Mrs. S Smith. Totz: £6.10. £2.00, £1.80, £1.10. DF: £13.50. CSF. £22.81. Tricast: £60.34. Tric: £8.80.

3.10: 1. ERBY & Cologram 100-30: 2. Cadesux Premiere 8-1; 3. Colorful Ambition 7-4 fev. 2 rea. 4, 5. U Quinn. Tota: f.4.20; £1.40, £2.10, £1.30. bF: £15.00, CSF: £29.76. Treast: £57.97.

3.40: 1. SASKIA'S HERO (D Byrne) S-1; 2. Over The Istand 4-1; 3. St. Elsay's Fire 11-4 fav. 11 mm. 6, 34's. (J Bottomby), Totac £4.80; £2.80, £2.40, £1.20, DF: £13.70, CSF: £24.20, Trio; £11.40. A 10: 1 ACROSS THE CARD CHEW Remsay) 9-2: 2. Amedicae 100-30: 3. Wee Less 33-1 9 ran. 3-1 fav Quinside Cottage. 7, 19. (Ma) Gen. C. Ramsay). Totar £5.70; £1.30. Mel Gen C. Ramsay). Tota: £5.70; £1.30, £1.20, £27.30, DF: £10.70, CSF: £18.20, 7no: £64.00.

4.40: 1. WAR WHOOP (N Horocks) 10-1; 2. Dingle Wood 7-2; 3. Primitive Heart-evers for, 13 ran. 12; 15. [C Trondor). Total £11.80: £2.10, £1.40, £1.10. DP: £12.10. CSP: £47.64. Tho: £5.50. Following a stew-ards' inquiry. I'm The Blant, who finished 3rd, was dequalified for taking the wrong course. 5.10: 1. B THE ONE (LW)er) 7-2; 2. Bold

Statement 4-1; 3. Madge NeSphash 4-1, 12 ma. 100-30 tov Floory (4ft); 247, 11. () Quinn). Tote: £2.80; £1.10, £1.60, £2.90, DF: £11.50. CSF; £19.01. Tro: £17.20. Af-SOUTHWELL

2.20: 1. COLONGAL KCHLY DAY P Hacker Of 11-8 tox; 2. Bydens Weile 50-1: 3. A Windy Chines 4-1. 10 ma. 3, 8. (Mrs 0 Grissel, Robertshirds-Notes: 12.00; £1.10, £4.80. £150. DF: £57.20. CSF: £49.21. 7no: £45.30. NR: Final Hope. 2 50: 1. SALMAN (8 Ferton) 6-1: 2.

Evening Rain 5-1; 2. Circulation 14-1; 10 tan. 4-1 (av 0r Recipt (Sth). 114, 10, (Nrs. V Ward, Gramham). Tota: £5.90; £2.10. £1.40, £4.50. 0P; £12.70; CSF; £24.19. Tocast; £371.62 Tee: 533.70. 3.20: 1. ARTIC WINES (M Bramer) 7-4

Springs 20-1. 8 rate. 249, 18. (II Bremsen, Worksop). Tota: £2.70; £1.10, £1.80, £3.00. DP. £5.00. CSP. £8.22. Tro: £10.00.

3.50: 1, COUNTERSALANCE (5 McNell)
12-1; 2. Howell 4-1 tor; 3, Early Drinker
11-2: 12 ran. 1, 4, () McCornoche, Stratfort-on-Ason). Total: £9.70; £2.00, £2.20, £2.10. DF: £113.20, CSF: £58.36. Tricsst: £207.07. The £532.05. £279.79. The: £122.60. 4.20: 1. G(SART () Lover) 11-4; 2. Mag-

raches 6-1; 3. Gaylie Blue 30-1; 14 ren. 11-10 lav Wro Mn | 449, 6; 74, 10 Pipe, Wellington). Tota: £3.80; £1.90, £1.60, £3.40. OF: £19.20, CSF: £18.87. This: £101.00. 4.50: 1 SYLVAN SABRE (A S Smith) 6-1; 2. Transble 6-1; 3. Variant Good 5-1; 14 ran, 9-2 fev Lawrswood Junior (5th), 6, 10, (K. Morgan, Melton Moviera), Total ET.50; £2.30, £2.90, £1.80, DF; £35.40, CSP; £43.29, Tho: £147.00,

5.20: 1. TENAYESTELIGN U A McCarthy) 11-1; 2 Daily Sport Girl 7-1; 3. Persistent Grooper 4-1, 11 ren. 7-2 for Habaste (pulled up), 134, 34. (D Maris, Lambourn), Tober £11.90; £2.40, £2.00, £2.30, DE. E34.00. CSF: £85.59. Totals: £341.81. Tric £43.50. Jackpot: £48,847.30. Placepot: £62.20. Quadpot: £14,80. Place 6: £59.72. Place 5: £44,96.

FOLKESTONE

.20 Aerienn Jane 1.50 Giggleswick Girl 2.20 Lady Carnline Lamb 2.55 Ready In Draw 3.25 Petraco 4.00 Northern Fleet

4.35 Diminutive 5.10 ZAHID (nap) GOING: Bood to Firm.

STALLS: Straight = stands' side; round course = omiside rad.

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2.10 Signor Nortone 2.45 Mister Casual 3.15 Earlymorninglight 3.50 Ambidextrous 4.25 Rushnit GOING: Good to Firm (Firm in places).

Left-hand, undulating course. Run-in of 250yd.

Course is on minor road 2ra S of Hechana. Signposted from town. Hechana relively station 2ra. ADMISSION: Club 59; Paddock 58 (CAPs 54). CAB PAEK: Free.

HYPERION

WINNERS IN THE LAST SEVEN DATS: None.
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FALDO V NORMAN

THE FINAL ROUND

Roman boggys after going into greenade bunker reldo: par four cuts Norman's lead from overnight & up

forman: par four good enough to morease lead again

Norman: pulls second shot, manages only a par five Faldo: smis 18h birdle putt

Norman: pulls second, chips to 10ft, misses again

Norman: comes up short, chips to 7ft but misses. Out:38 Faldo: putt for birdle three lips out from 30ft ... Out:34

Norman: bogey four after hitting over green Feldo: up and down from bunker to save par

Norman: per three Feldo: hits tee shot to four feet for birdle

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Momas's run

involved in recent negotiations or non-negotiations do not seem to he up to the joh. The one man who has spent his entire life settling disputes does not appear to have been greatly refer to Sir Pat Lowry, of

underpaid and that the game

has been vulgarised by a variety

of silly competitions. More important: there is no place

now for the gifted amateur of the past. I hope Dr Gwyn

Jones (assuming he passes his exams, as I am sure he will), will

he able to play open-side flanker in the first-class game

for as long as he likes.

Wasps, who was head of Acas from 1981 to 1987. Indeed, no industrial dispute was complete without the presence of Sir Pat at some stage. Some-times he settled it, sometimes not. But at least he would know what he was doing. This is more than can he said of most of rugby's negotiators. pionship cannot properly sup-port a fully professional my message for the week.

TODAY'S NUMBER

1,138

Chris Smith's 14th-minute strike for Poole Town in Saturday's 2-1 home defeat to Margate was the struggling Dorset club's first goal in 1,138 minutes of Beazer Homes League football. Their previous goal was

scored on 3 February against Havant. Poole have gained just one point all season.

old son, Tom, whom he takes to watch Tottenham. "He has

fan into a Spurs nut.".

tal where I was born."

Jon Culley

off the track, he has had to temper some indulgences since turned me from a lifelong QPR falling seriously ill with a perfo-

11th Norman: kps 14ft birdie putt, misses 3ft return Norman; double-boggy five after tee shor finds the water Faido: par three Normen: holes 14ft birdie putt Norman: per four Faldo: pushes drive into tree but finds green for par Norman: inches away from chipping in for eagle Feldo: chips to 2ft and both players make birdle four Norman: hooks hombly into lake; double-bogeys again Norman: Both on in two; misses better birdle chance Fetdo: par tour 1813 Norman: per four for round of 78 to Faldo's 67
Faldo: from burder to green, holes 20th birder putt to win Greg Norman has led seven majors going into the last round and has won only one of them. ters. led by one, bogeys the last to lose by one to Jack Nicktaus: 1986 US Opine led by one, shoots 75 and finishes 12th, sk behand Ray Floyd. led by one, shoots 69 and wins by five. led by four, shoots 76 and loses when Bob Tway holes from bunker in play-off led by one, shoots 69, but loses play-off to Paul Azinger. ... led by six, shoots 78 and loses by five to Nick Faldo.

EUROPE AND THE MASTERS 1980 SEVE BALLESTEROS 1986 Jack Nicklaus 1992 Fred Couples. 1987 Larry Mits 1988 SANDY LYCE ER 1991 IAN WOOSNAM THE ALL-YER GREATS

18 majors: Jack Nicidaus (6 Masters, 4 US Opens, 3 Opens, 5 US PGAs)
10 Watter Hagen (2 US Opens, 4 Opens, 4 US Opens)
9 Ben Hogen (2 Masters, 4 US Opens, 1 Open, 2 US PGAs)
Gary Player (3 Masters, 1 US Open, 3 Opens, 2 US PGAs)
7 Arrold Peimer (4 Masters, 1 US Open, 2 Opens)
Datable base (4 US Opens, 2 Opens)

Bobby Jones (4 US Opens, 3 Opens) Sam Sneed (3 Mesters, 2 Open, 3 US PGAs) Gene Sarazen (1 Mesters, 2 US Open, 1 Open, 3 U

NICK FALDO (3 Masters, 3 Opens) Harry Verdon (6 Opens) Lee Trevino (2 US Opens, 2 Opens, 2 US PGAst

J H Taylor (5 Opens) James Braid (5 Opens) Peter Thomson (5 Opens) Seve Basesteros (2 Masters, 3 Opens).

if it persists with its compara-

hle rule for the divisions, the

RFU may find itself in similar

trouble, always assuming that

these artificial and unnecessary

divisions continue to exist, as

Those rugby commentators

who write off the claims of the

clubs and the players as mere pretensions, do not seem to understand the law. They

should try to get hold of the judgment of Mr (later Lord) Justice Slade, in the case of

Derek Underwood and the

MCC over the Kerry Packer

"circus." They might also have

a look at the recent judgment

of the European Court in the

case of the Belgian footballer who was kept with a club against his will. United King-

dom law has always heen against restraint of trade:

European law, which now

takes precedence over the

home-grown variety, is even

There are further lessons to be learnt from cricket. The

truth is that the County Cham-

attempting to eat fewer curries,"

in 1992 but is now merely a

weekend jogger. There is no

time for serious training so I just

jog around Hampstead Heath, where I always used to run. I know every inch of it. I bought a house in the village three years

ago, 30 yards from the hospi-

Divorced, he has a 12-year-

Bedford ran in his own event

more opposed to it.

I hope they do not.

such restrictions, it would come structure. The results are that to grief in the law courts. And professional cricketers are

Gladiators' embrace: Nick Faldo (right) hugs Greg Norman after winning the Masters on Sunday pressure. The course requires first hole where he missed the waiting for me down the line the highest degree of accuracy fairway, hit his second into a that's going to be good for me. "My life's not over yet. Somebunker and dropped a stroke. He and strategy. I was in control of went to the turn in 38 to Faldo's things. I never left myself any thing good is going to happen be-34 and suffered a particularly cruel blow at the 11th where his fore my career is over. I really scary putis. There's a fine line believe that. All of this is just a test. I'm a winner, I just didn't win

US MASTERS: The manner of Norman's defeat will be the dominant memory. Tim Glover reports from Augusta

Faldo shows humanity in victory

since the Boston Strangler, I am sure whether to laugh or cry and quite sure that had he been Faldo's first response was not to raise his arms hut to throw paired with, say. Phil Mickelson, them around his opponent. in the final round. Norman 1 played like shit." Norman would have dispelled the demons said. That's probably the best that have been haunting him way of putting it. I really got a around Augusta National good old ass whipping. I put all the blame on myself. I made a one of the ultimate tests. For lot of mistakes. My swing was out of sync, my putting was out of sync. My thought pattern was play here, his seventh warning of syne. My thought pattern was good but my rhythm was out."

round.

aving witnessed at first in the tournament. That was hand the self-destruction for the whole shooting match

of Greg Norman, Nick Faldo did not restrict himself to

a ritual handshake on the 18th

green at Augusta National. "I

just want to give you a good hug."

Faldo said as he embraced the

Australian, patting him on the back repeatedly. "I felt for him.

It was a warm and fitting re-

sponse from Faldo It was a

ery, very special moment."

Norman said, "Nick's gone way up in my estimation." Norman

had turned a six-shot lead into

a five-shot deficit with a 78 to

Faldo's 67, the biggest collapse

in a major championship and

one of the greatest man-made

disasters seen in America since

Norman tried to put it in perspective. "It's not the end of

the world," he said for about the

tenth time. "I let this one get

away. I'll wake up still breathing.

Faldo won his third Green

Jacket but this was the first that

came with a black armband.

This one's amazing isn't it?"

Faldo said. "I hope it will be re-

membered for my 67 and

storming through and not what

It was a fair enough request, but the fact is the 60th Masters

will always be remembered as

the one that got away from the

"Great White Shark". On the

course a silence descended as

Norman staggered through the

Cathedral of Pines and grown

men stared at the ground. It was

like an ending a hereavement.

When Faldo rolled in an un-

necessary putt for a hirdie at the

last. The reason why this will be

remembered as the gutting of

the Shark rather than Faldo's

renaissance was perfectly clear. Traditionally the winner of the

Masters cherishes the moment

and receives a hero's greeting

front the crowd. On Sunday

evening the speciators weren't

pattern was not good. He hit an-

and from a poor lie thought

wood. He changed his mind,

took out the two-iron and rifled

happened to Greg."

the Wall Street Crash.

It was as simple as that."

right there," Norman said. Not really. When he walked

off the 12th, the Golden Bell,

with a five after dumping his tee

shot into the water, the game

appointed," Norman said.
"Nick played great golf and I

"There's not a whole lot of an-

guish. My life is pretty good. I'm

happy. I've got pretty good con-

trol over the situation. It's not the

end of my world. I'll enjoy my life,

I'm very philosophical about it.

You learn and you try to under-

stand why and what happened.

I may not want to learn about this

one. Maybe I just screwed up bad

enough with my own mistakes."

him again. In the third round of

the Open Championship at St Andrews in 1990 when they

were tied for the lead, Faldo shot

67, Norman 76 and it took the

Australian a couple of years to

recover from the experience.

Norman has gone desperately

close to winning the Masters on

numerous occasions, hut what

made his disintegration here all

the more shocking is that in the

third round when he was paired

with Faldo he shot a 71 to the

Englishman's 73 to increase the

lead he had established with a

record-equalling 63 in the first

Faldo - the only time he three-

putted in the entire tournament

was at the 15th on Saturday -

had blown his chance but we

reckoned without the F factor.

still in second place and there-

fore would be paired with Nor-man again. My goal was to

shoot a 65 or a 66. I was trying

67 was the best round on Sun-

day - Norman gave the impres-

sion of being the biggest choker

As well as Faldo played - his

to chip away at him."

Faldo was in good spirits despite his 73 because he was

The assumption was that

Maybe the Faldo factor got to

played poor.

was up. "Of course I'm very dis-

Being paired with Faldo is one thing he is extremely slow on the US Tour this season), a After taking bogeys at the ninth. force to have in your shadow name of Larry Mize chipped in 10th. 11th and a double-hogey when all you want to do is slip at the 11th to deny the Australian. at the 12th. Norman's thought into a Green Jackel and change in the champions' locker-room

other errant drive down the 13th with the other Masters. There is ample evidence at about hitring a wood. His caddie had to talk him out of it. Augusta National of the Faldo factor. In 1989 Scott Hoch (the At the same hole Faldo, now name rhymes with choke) went holding a two-shot lead, had 228 into a sudden death play-off name rhymes with choke) went yards to the flag and he ad-dressed the ball with a fivewith Faldo and missed a twofoot putt at the first extra hole, the 10th, which would have won him the Masters. Faldo finit to the heart of the green, per-haps the best shot he had played ished him off at the IIth. The following year Faldo was

in another play-off and this time the victim was Ray Floyd. Again the denouement was at the 11th where the Americao hit his second shot into the lake. Floyd on fish. When poor old Norman got mto a play-off here in 1987 an His mind was in turmoil. grinder and an intimidating anonymous Augustan by the

In 1989, Faldo's aggregate was self, just doing everything a walked to the 12th tee he was out to be a brain surgeon I could."

283. in 1990, 278, and on Sun-little hit better. The pressure was of control. Faldo, though, was Norman has just made \$40m. day it was 276, 12 under par, a target he had predicted earlier in the week would he sufficient to win. "I didn't think I would win this week," Faldo said, "My goal was simply to bave a good tournament. The big thrill is to go out and do it on the day. You never know when you've got another win in you. It's a great feeling to know you still have it.
"The Masters has excessive

between shooting in the 60s and in the 70s. I hit all the shots where I intended to.

little hit better. The pressure was Faldo said of Norman: "He's

a great player, a great competi-tor. He's a credit to the game and the game needs him out there all the time. "I genuinely feel sorry for him. What he's been through is

horrible. It's hard to repair that but he'll be all right."

The first crack in Norman's

I read a lot of newspapers in the course of my work. One of

the many things that have struck me in the last few tur-

bulent weeks is bow little of the

troubles of English rugby has

spilled over from the sports

pages on to the news pages and

Those who are employed to

instruct and entertain us on the great questions of the day, have been equally quiet. For where

is that high moral tone for

which Hugo Young is renowned? His voice is not

heard. Where is Polly Toynbee?

She is silent. Is there no sound even from William Rees-Mogg? We listen, and we listen in vain.

rugby is not quite as important

ple think it is. The only player

the majority of citizens could

name is Will Carling, and that

would partly be for reasons un-

connected with the game of

rugby. If there were a compa-

rable row taking place in foot-

hall or cricket, we may be sure

that there would be more

chunks of weighty comment fly-ing around the place.

WHERE ARE

THEY NOW?

Dave Bedford

But cricket and football have

From all this I conclude that

into the leader columns.

putt for a birdie shaved the hole and he missed the short one here. I'm not a loser in life. I'm "Once I realised Greg was in coming back. The 11th has been trouble I got harder. Not on my- good to Faldo. When Norman aware that the 4I-year-old Australian had lost it at the 10th

where he mis-hit a chip shot.

Norman agreed this was the most disappointing single round of his career. "I've seen what the game gives you and what it to be putting the Green Jacket on. I'm sad about it. I'm going cups that I inflict on myself are to regret it but it's not the end meant for another reason. I of the world for me." don't know. There must be a

are in place, more or less. There is much that the Rugby

Football Union and the would-

he professional clubs can learn

from the organisation of these

knowledge would consist of mistakes to be avoided.

deal to be said for the division

between the Football Asso-ciation and the Football

League. Something very simi-

lar is inevitable in rugby union. The RFU would be like the FA.

As Peter Wheeler, of Leicester,

has said, the professional clubs

do not want to tinker with the

laws. My guess is that they will indeed be modified in the in-

terests of greater movement and

these changes will come about

because of pressure from the

television companies rather

than because they are wanted by the clubs themselves.

concerned, however, the clubs

are fully entitled to impose

their views on the RFU. The

union's attachment to the Di-visional Championship is quite extraordinary. The spectators

do not flock to it. The players

With his Zapata moustache, un-

ruly hair and irreverent red

socks, David Bedford helped

substantially to popularise ath-

letics in his spectacular front-

running style. He smashed the

10,000 metres world record by

some eight seconds in 1973.

although his career lacked a

The moustache is greyer now - "a distinguished silver, kinder

peopla would say" - but at 46 Bedford remains instantly recog-

nised and has found seemingly

the ideal niche as both head of

marketing and international

major championship medal.

As far as competitions are

There is, however, a good

club company, Cobra. "You see, there's a good thing about life. I've got something that oth-

er people haven't got. I've got
40 million bucks. God, I'd love
to be putting the Green Jacket
on. I'm sad about it. I'm going game appeared as early as the reason. I think there's something can't buy a Green Jacket.

He's got 40 million and he

Time to enlist an experienced negotiator

ALAN WATKINS

on rugby

such as John Hall, of Bath, are

against it. It is a complete

Divisional Championship is

extraordinary, the new one proposed by the RFU heggars

belief. Argentina, and perhaps Italy and Romania – who

knows? - are to be brought in

as well. At the same time the

RFU proposes to restrict those selected for the divisions to those qualified for England. It

has already quietly dropped (or I think it has dropped) its limitation on foreigners, in-cluding Welshmen, Scotsmen

and Irishmen, in First Division

wooing both sponsors and big-

After his retirement from run-

ning, Bedford had a brief career

as a night-club owner before

becoming heavily involved in

athletics administration, often

controversially. He is former sec-

retary of both the Amateur Ath-

letic Association and the British

Athletic Federation and current

chairman of Shaftesbury Barnet

No less colourful a character

Hamers, his original club.

name participants.

If it attempted to enforce any

If the attachment to the old

aste of time and effort.

not a loser in golf tournaments.

I'm a perfectionist. If I wanted

Norman has just made \$40m

(£26.4m) from shares in the golf

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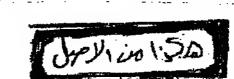
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race director for the Flora Lon-don Marathon, charged with per cent healthy now but I'm



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Rugby League DAVE HADFIELD

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The future of Kelvin Skerrett remains in the balance, with the Wales and Great Britain prop asking for more time before deciding whether to accept

Warrington's offer. Skerrett will talk to his present club, Wigan, today, but they have made it clear that they want him to go in order to bring down their wage bill. Skerrett would prefer to go to a club nearer his Youngaire home, but Bradford's Brian Smith has ruled his club out of the running.

Wigan, who say that another olaver might have to go to bring them within next season's salary cap, have resigned themselves to losing their Test winger, Jason Rohinson, who is leaving for Australia next June.

Robinson had hinted that he would prefer to stay, rather than taking up a four-year con-tract with the ARL. "We are not able to do anything about it," Jack Rohinson, the Wigan chaîrman, said .

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The club hopes to continue to get the best out of him until his departure, however. The player stayed away from training over a pay dispute last week, hut made himself available to play at Castleford on Sunday.

It was a day of departures at Warrington, with the former agreement with the BBC for the Great Britain scrum-half Mike televising of the Silk Cut Chal-Ford agreeing to a move to lenge Cup from next season.

Wakefield. His replacement, the Western Samoan Willie Swann, is due to arrive next

The cluh has also parted company with its chief executive, Graham Armstrong, who has been replaced by John Smith.

The referees director, Greg McCallum, has hit hack at criticism of officials by coaches. Mc-Callum said the referee at St Helens on Sunday had been right not to allow an extra substitute when a Bradford player was carried off as a result of foul

play.
"This is not an international law, nor does it exist in this country. It only applies in the Australian domestic competition," McCallum said.

"A number of coaches are using the age-old practice of laying hlame on match officials to cover shortcomings by their own players.

"I openly admit that John Connolly made a mistake in penalising and sin-hinning Leeds' Anthony Gibbons in Saturday's game at Oldham, but his error-rate was significantly less than that of some players

McCallum warned that action will be taken against coaches and players publicly criticising

The Rugby League says that it is confident of reaching an



Armed combat: Two competitors indulge in a test of strength at the London Amateur Arm Wrestling Championships

Battle of the biceps, wits and lunatics

Ainslie has a heavy day

The 19-year old Briton, Ben

Ainslie, has suffered an unlikely setback in his quest to win the Laser World Championships in Simonstown, South Africa, writes Stuart Alexander.

youngest competitor ever to represent British sailing at the Olympics in Savannah, was Bethan Raggatt and Sue Carr were 10th out of 17 in the 470s, leading the fleet at the cut with 16 to qualify; Richard which saw the top 50 progress Stenbouse 12th out of 24 Finn which saw the top 50 progress to a gold fleet after six races, but suffered a bizarre setback when he was disqualified from the eighth race of 10 in the series with 19 to qualify.

for wearing clothing found to be

above the legal weight limit. This put Ainslie in second place, eight points behind Bra-zil's Robert Scheidt, but still ahead of Stefan Warkala of Germany. Another Briton, Ian Percy, was in fourth place.

In Murcia, Spain, which is Ainslie, who will be the staging three qualifiers for European places at the Olympics, were 10th out of 17 in the 470s, singlehanders, with 20 to qualify, and Shirley Robertson 13th out of 26 Europe singlehanders,

encourage nicknames. Sunday night's London Am-

ateur Arm Wrestling Champiouships at the Sports Cafe, witnessed by approximately 100 competitors and camp followers and the cameras of cable television, abounded in them.

In some cases, the derivation was obvious. Tony "The Lunatic" Dure, for instance, did indeed appear deranged in the moments before he stepped 10 the spotlit table, staring fixedly into the middle distance with an expression of pent-up fury.

For Uno Biceppo - aka Chris Andrews of Lancashire -- the re-

If you want to make an impact question in response to a foot-as a sport, it does no harm to ball-style chant of "Uno, Uno". But how Wayne Blake came

Joker" was a mystery. He may have rolled his eyes occasionally, but there was none of the zany behaviour one expected from someone carrying such a monicker. The real joker on the night-

was the streetwise master of ceremonies, Frank Pittal. The actual jokes purveyed by this chubby market trader did nothing for the occasion - "Do you like my jacket? Do you know why I'm wearing it tonight? I lost a bet" -- but his hype soared to hilarious heights.

quirements were relatively simple. After winning his contests, his role was to flex the bicep in It's 'The Lunatic'. Look at his

Mike Rowbottom gets to grips with an event where the hype rose to hilarious to have the nickname of "The heights at London's Sports Cafe

> eyes. Look at his face, History in the making. World War tors, Curtis Annelle, a trainee Three is about to explode in the Sports Cafe..."

> Most of the night's matches said. "An arm wrestling match were over very quickly. Very few turned into the extended, veinhulging, sweat-beading en-

to the outsider. More than brute force is involved in a sport that dreams of the Demonstration Olympics - as all involved will tell you.

Like most leading competi-

with the London Fire Brigade who won a silver medal at last The subsequent explosion year's World Championships, was a controlled one, as Uno Biceppo forced The Lunatic's maintains the mental challenge knuckles down on to the contact pad within a couple of seconds. of the event is the main thing for him. "It's a battle of wits," he

can be over in a heartbeat." There are two main approaches in competition - outcounters that the sport suggests side arm wrestling, where you and try to force it down towards men whom she could beat at you. But forget the idea that arm wrestling.

one hand has to be kept behind the back -- competitors grah hold of a wooden grip with their spare hands, and can gain purchase on the inside of the table with one leg.

Psychology is also a factor, particularly beforehand. Be-

100 kilos - likes to emit a low Elaine Pickup, the 25-year-old British and European champion at 60kg, estimates that her sport is 80 per cent

fore getting to grips with his op-

ponent, Annelle - 6ft 4in and

about mental ability. What criticism she receives about doing arm wrestling try to roll the opponent's arm comes from the opposite sex. over, and inside wrestling, "Some men think it's gross," she where you hook their hand in says. Usually, as it happens,

an Accrington chemical works, is nevertheless concerned not to overstep the mark of what she considers feminine. Her arm, as she flexes it, looks far more normal than those of female bodybuilders. "If I had to look like that, I wouldn't do it," she said. "I work very hard on my image."

Pickup, a senior manager at

That image involves long hennaed hair, a leather bomber jacket and a black leotard. And, naturally, a nickname. "I call myself Lady Natural," she said. "Because I want to be thought of as glamourous in everything I do.'

As she went on to demonstrate, the glamour is matched by aggression. Just the thing to keep the cameras rolling and the sport's profile rising...

Smith makes the best of a slow pitch

HENRY BLOFELD reports from The Parks Leicestershire 299-4 dec Oxford University 133-4

It seems to have become the fashion to have a go at cricket at Oxford and Cambridge as if it is a main contributory cause of the present plight of England's side. This makes it a particular pleasure to be able to reveal the good health of the game at Oxford.

The counties - they are still

as eager as ever to come to The Parks and Fenner's for early scason matches - have usually, even in the old days, had their way with the universities in April and May. Now, Leicestershire were made to work hard for their advantage over Oxford.

On a very slow pitch Ben Smith batted 320 minutes for his 123 not out against bowling which was steady and fielding which was always excellent. He was helped in an unhroken stand of 176 in 44 overs by Paul Nixon who batted with rather more of a flourish for his upbeaten 100 in 176 minutes.

Oxford are kept alive hy Keeble who provided seven of the 13 players from whom this side was chosen. The college rightly takes the view that competent sportsmen are important to the health of a university.

None of Oxford's bowlers were taken apart. The two tall South African openers, Pierre du Preez (left-arm over) and Russell Thomson, were steady at just above medium pace. David Mather, also left-arm over, bowled better than 0 for R1 may suggest and the off-spinner Hasnaim Malik will have his rewards as the summer develops.

Six of the present side are in-volved with counties and their cricket was always purposeful. Little was given away by either batsmen or bowlers who clearly had a good working knowledge

"If you thought you saw

lightning, get ready because you are going to listen to thunder.

While Chinmay Gupte, the captain who is a medical student playing his sixth year, anchored the Oxford innings and Gul Khan with some lovely fluent strokes in his 56 not out, showed that they are far from being out of their depth against Leicestershire's front line bowlers. (Leics won toss; second day of three) LEICESTERSHIRE - First Innings (Saturday: 139 for 4)

Sharjah Cup one-day triangular

India inspired by record stand Pakistan 277 India win by 28 runs

Sachin Tendulkar and Naviot Sidhu shared a record 231-run stand to help India to a 28-run victory over Pakistan in the

tournament yesterday. Both hatsmen scored centuries in the second-wicket partnership as India piled up 305 for 5 from their 50 overs. Pakistan made a spirited reply, scoring 114 from their first 15 overs, but were eventually bowled out for 277 in 46.1 overs.

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PACIFIC DIVISION

The 240-ball partnership be-tween Tendulkar and Sidhu balls, 24 coming from the final The 240-ball partnership beeclipsed India's previous best for any wicket in limited overs matches of 188 by Ravi Shastri

and Kris Srikkanth against England at Cuttack in 1984-85. It was also India's highest total in one-day internationals. beating the previous best of 299 for 4 against Sri Lanka in Bomhay in 1986-87.

Tendulkar hit 118 off 140 balls with eight fours and two sixes while Sidhu plundered 101 off 117 balls with three fours and

three sixes. The captain, Mohammed Azharuddin, rounded off the in-

RELEGBY URIDER

ENGLAND UNDER-21. (v. Franco, Batta, Theraday): C. Cattling (Bester), D. Leger (Drest), F. Weters: (Bath), M. Derminy (Bristal, capit), D. Rosa.
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(Swarssen Dilwersky), N. Finisher (Mousley), G.
(Kay (Magterio), E. Pemere (Bath), A. Bennact (Drsell), B. Jorean (Bester), Replacements: T. Robinaon (Sourthorpe), S. Martin (Brasto), B. Hyde (Bestlott), L. Forley, C. Forley (Sourcester), M. Fazigerald (West Herispool), C. Gillies (Bath).

GLOUCESTERSHEE (v. Wierwicksblure, County): T. Smith, J. Perrins (Gloucester), O.
Edwards (Berry Hill), L. Oaborne (Gloucester), O.
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Bowenen, S. Smith, M. Elie (all Rugsy), M. Fountales (Eristol), S. Cartar (Rugsy).

Alan Cooke, the National champion, has been picked to lead the England team

over bowled by Ata-ur-Rehman. Pakistan's innings, reduced to

48 overs because of their slow over-rate, was given a flying start by Rashid Latif who came in after the early dismissal of Saced Anwar. He scored 50 off just 31 balls with six fours and a six. The captain, Aamir Schail. batting with a runner, made 78 off 76 deliveries before being run out, while Ijaz Ahmed and Salim Malik weighed in with 42

SPARIAH CUP: India 305 for 5 (S R Tendulkar 118, N S Sidhu 101); Pelustan 277 (Aarna So-had 78, Rashad Latif 50), India win by 28 rune.

cupy the No 1 position for his country

in place of Carl Prean and Chen Xinhua

in page or can Pream and Chen Xirkua, who have both been left out of the squad, ENGLAND SQUAD (European championships, Bratistevs, Slovalda, 27 Aprill: Mon: M Sped Berts, A Cooke (Devissars), A Penry (Devon.) 9 Billington (Derbyshare), A Eden (Esse.), Reserve: 1 Jaylar (Lancs), Women: L Lomas (Beds), A Holt (Lancs), A Broe (Beds), N Deuton (Derbyshare), Reserves: H Lower (Staffs).

Irina Spiries, the No 8 seed from Ro-

mania, best Mary Pierce of France 6-7, 6-4, 6-3 in the final of the Bausch & Lomb Championships on Sunday.

Championships on Sunday.

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J Krosiak (Sloval) bit H Kanelor (Japan) 6-2 7.

5: H Dreefmann (Ger) bit & Kantacher (Ger) 6-2 6-4; S Lareau (Can) bit M Knowles (Bari) 6-1 6-2; B Rusedski (GB) bit C U Steeb (Ger) 6-2 6-1; J Terango (US) bit T Henram (GB) 6-1 6-4; S Campbed (US) bit O Nestor (Can) 4-6 7: 5-6-3; K Carleen (Den) bit Y Yamemoto (Japan) 5-7 6-4 6-2; M Homman (Swe) bit O Ograndor (Jabo) -6-3-6-4; J Renzenbunk (Ger) bit D Norman (Bel) 6-2-3-6-6-2. Doublets; first round: J Grabb and R Raneberg (US) bit M Lee and C Williamson (GB) 6-3-6-2. S heabucht and T Suzuki (Japan) bit T Chaen and O More (Japan) 6-3-6-3. Wessen's singles; first rounds: N Severnassu (Japan) bit T L Potta (IS) 7-5-6-3; M Endo (Japan) bit N Dectly (Fr) 7-5-6-4. A Grossman IUS) Park Sung-hes (S Kon) 6-2-6-3; K Studenthous (Storal) bit M Seels (Japan) 6-3-6-2; K Kandenthous (Storal) bit M

Rydell and Burt share the limelight at Brands Hatch

The Volvo drivers Rickard Rydell and Kelvin Burt topped the timesheets at Brands Hatch vesterday in initial testing for this weekend's double rounds of the RAC Touring Car Championship.

The Swede Rydell cut more than three-tenths of a second from his own qualifying record for the 1.2-mile Kent track, closely pursued by Burt and the Renault drivers Alain Memu and Will Hoy.

Several drivers suffered mishaps, notably BMW's Roberto Ravaglia, the Italian badly damaging his car in a crash at Paddock Hill Bend. Rydell was also in trouble: immediately after posting the quickest time he was in collision with the Toyota of the privateer Lec Brookes, both cars sustaining light damage.

The championship leader Frank Biela missed the test, the Audi team leader undergoing surgery in his native Germany for a minor back complaint. He will be in action for final testing on Friday.

LEADING TESTING YIMES: 1 R Rydel (Swe). Volvo 850, 45.557s, 95.11mph (153.06/phi; 2 K Burt (GB), Volvo 850, 45.699; 3 A Menu (Switz), Remault Laguna, 45.744; 4 W Hoy (GB), Remault Laguna, 45.844; 5 P Redistor (VZ), Ford Moroleo, 45.921; 6 J Winkelhock (Get), 98/W 320, 45.937; 77 Thompson (GB), Vaudiad Vectra, 46.045; 8 J Bintolifie (GB), Audi AA, 46.045; 9 J Celaerd (GB), Yaudiad Vectra, 46.046; 10 J Kaye (GB), Honda Accord, 45.144; 11 O Leale (GB), Honda Accord, 45.144; 11 O Leale (GB), Peugeot 406, 45.349.

Thomas's run alerts his rivals

Iwan Thomas gave an early-season warning to his rivals in three places in the individual Britain's biggest track event of Olympic year.

The 6ft 2in Welshman raced to fourth in the all-time United Kingdom 400 metres rankings with a 44.66sec victory at a meeting in Johannesburg.

Only British record holder David Grindley (44.47), now-retired Derek Redmond (44.50) and Roger Black (44.59) have tun faster.

Thomas, who was handilast season when his best was something special."

45.58, said: "I'm hoping to win at least a relay spot for the Games. To make one of our event, I know I will have to be

running under 45 seconds." Alongside Thomas, Black and Grindley, the contenders include European champion Du'aine Ladejo, European Cup winner Mark Richardson, European junior title holder Mark Hylton and fast-improving

Jamie Baulch. Black, a former double Enropean champion, said: "If everyone stays healthy, the capped by a hamstring linjury Olympic trial race should be

A STATE OF THE STA

South Korea's Hwang Young-jo, winner of the maretion at the 1992 Barcelona Olympics, yesterday announced his retirement. Hwang said he had made the lecision because he did not win e place in South Korea's team for this year's Olympic Games in Atlanta.

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93 Utah 82.

The Cumbria Club from Caritale missed the inspiration of their world champion captain, John Bell, when they were beat-en 23-15 by John Wickham's team from Teignbridge, Devon, in the first round of the triples at the English Indoor Championships at Metion Mowbray yesterday. Bell withdrew from the championship because of work commitments with Carlisle City Council and mitments with Carlisle City Council and was replaced by the 52-year-old Paddy Watters, who had never played in the Alf-England Smals.

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to Christie Miller (A Moore) 18-7; Huddersield (A Aderson) bt Wymondham Dell (R Overton) 19-15; Chipping Norton (I. Gilett) to UCB Celophene (A Edwards) 20-17 (after extra end), Endington Court (S Thomas) bt Cambridge Park (P Rogers)

Boxing

The undefeated Orzubek Nazarov, of Kinghisstan, successfully defended his World Boxing Association lightweight title in Tokyo yesterday, knocking our Adnanus Taroreh, of Indonesia, in the fourth round.

Football

Porto sealed the Portuguese title for the second successive year when they beat Salgueiros 2-0 at home on Sunday. The win left Porto, who are coached by the former England manager, Bobby Robson, 13 points clear of second-placed Bentica, who are unable to catch Porto with only four matches to play after their Coll dissu with the hort. to play after their 0-0 draw with the bottom team, Campomaiorense.

The United States' Major League Soc-cer witnessed its first shoot-out on Sun-dey after Delies Burn drew 0-0 with Sen Jose Clash. Dallas won the shoot-out. Bolton's final homa game of the sea-son against fellow Premiership struggers Southampton on Saturday 27 April has been made all-ticket.
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Jose Cash 0 (Dalas Burn win Shoot-out 2-1).

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CZECH REPUBLIC SQUAD (International friendly v Republic of Ineland, Strainor Stadism, Prague, 24 April): Goalkespess; Kouba (Sparta Prague), Sraicek (Newcastle), Maler (WK Ubersel). Defendess: Suchparak, Kozel (Both Stavis Prague), Hornak, Rapia (both Stavis Prague), Hornak, Rapia (both Sparta Prague), Babriel (Vildons Zizkor). MidDelders: Nemcook (Servetic), Prydaik, Nedwed (both Sparta Prague), Latal, Nemen (both Schale Dal), Poboraky, Belbei (both Stava Prague), Berger (Borusse Dotmund), Revandric Kuden (Kjeerstatern), Druak (Petra Dmoveo), Smicar (Slave Prague), Barannek (Signe Olomouch).

Baranek (Signa Olomouci).

DEMARK SQUAD (International friendly v Scotland, Copenhagen, 24 April): Schweichel (Marchester Utd), Krogh (Brondby); Obsen (Brondby), Helper (West Hem), Risagar (Brondby), Helper (Udinese), Laursen (Stieborg), Sebjonberg (Oderse), Mielsen (Brondby), Sebjonberg (Oderse), Mielsen (Brondby), Thomasen (Desmah), M Landrup (Res Madrid), Mielsen (Oderse), Wirth (Brondby), Beck fortune Cologre), B Landrup (Rangers), Resmutater (Asiborg).

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SUNDAY'S LATE RESULTS: Spanish Lauguet Tenenie 4 (Ptzl 22, 70, Junnele 28, Hapel 80).
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* clinched play-off berth; † Division title.

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ICIS LEAGUE Premier Division; Boreham Wood v Chersey; Bromley v S. Albans (7.45); Emflet or Purifiest (7.45); Hayes v Sution Until Hitchin v Veoding (7.45); Kingstonian v Bishop's Stortfort; Yeovil v Aylesbury (7.45). First Divisions: Besingstok v Billencey (7.45); First Divisions: Besingstok v Billencey (7.45); First Divisions: Besingstok v Billencey (7.45); Berthamsted v Mariow (7.45); Whytelseafe v Steines. Second Division: Banstead v Challow. St. Peter (7.45); Bracherel v Dorlung (7.45); Edgware v Hernet Hempetsead (7.45); Hempoton v Hungerford (7.45); Metropolitan Police v Tibury (7.45); Taket Division: Clepton v Aueley (7.45); Hertford v Wealdstone (7.45); Southeil v Herlow (7.45); Windsor & Eton v Kingsbury (7.45).

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at the European championships in Bratislava, Slovakia, at the end of the month. Cooke, the Commonwealth silver medallist from Derbyshire, will oc-

Table tennis

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PREST-CLASS MATCH (Final day of three): Outon University v Lescestershire (at The Paris). OTHER MATCH (Second day of four): Hamp-shire Second XI v England Under-19 (at South-

Rugby Union HEINEREN WELSH LEAGUE First Division: Lan-elli v Abertvon (7.0). Second Division: Tenty Utd v Durvent (7.0). CLUB MATCH: Crumim v Cross Keys (7.0).

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Beresford apologises for outburst

Football

RUPERT METCALE AND PHIL SHAW

John Beresford, the Newcastle United full-back, was obliged to issue a public apology yesterday following his very public dis-agreement with his manager, Kevin Keegan, during the Magpies' edgy 1-0 Premiership win over Aston Villa on Sunday. In full view of both St James'

Park spectators and the Sky Sports television cameras, Beresford and Keegan had a heated argument on the touchline moments after the manager bad substituted his England B left-back after only 25 minutes of the match.

"I was totally out of order," Beresford admitted. "Tensions were running high with so much at stake. I cannot stress enough how sorry I am for what was two seconds of madness.

The gaffer shouted some instructions which I felt were not The striker has a knee injury. suited to me and I reacted stupidly, I swore and I put him in a predicament. He was right to bring me off. It was the worst moment of my career. I am annoyed that with all my experience I reacted like that,"

Following the match, Keegan had said: "I told him something I thought he was doing wrong and when he answered me back like that, I just told him he was coming off. I just had to do it. I don't think any player should

The Ipswich Town chairman, David Sheepshanks, has promised strong action against the supporters accused of assaulting four Norwich City players after Sunday's East Anglian derby at Portman Road ended with a pitch invasion. "Every-

thing has been recorded on camera and, if there are guilty parties, the club will have no alternative but to take very strong action. Sheepshanks said. Ips-wich won the First Division match 2-1 thanks to a Robert Ullathorne own goal four minutes from full-time, after Bryan Gunn, the Norwich goalkeeper, failed to clear a back-pass Gunn was allegedly involved in a scuffle with fans behind his net

before the final whistle. Aiax will be without their talented Dutch international, Patrick Kluivert, when they attempt to overturn a 1-0 deficit in the second leg of their European Cup semi-final with Panathi-naikos in Athens tomorrow.

On the domestic front, Duncan Ferguson is almost certain to miss tonight's Merseyside derby with a recurrence of a groin injury. The Everton striker is unlikely to be included in the Scotland squad which will be named today for the visit to the European champions, Denmark, a week tomorrow. Ferguson, who has had two hernia operations, may need a third during the close season, which would rule him out of the European Championship finals. Also facing a fitness battle is the

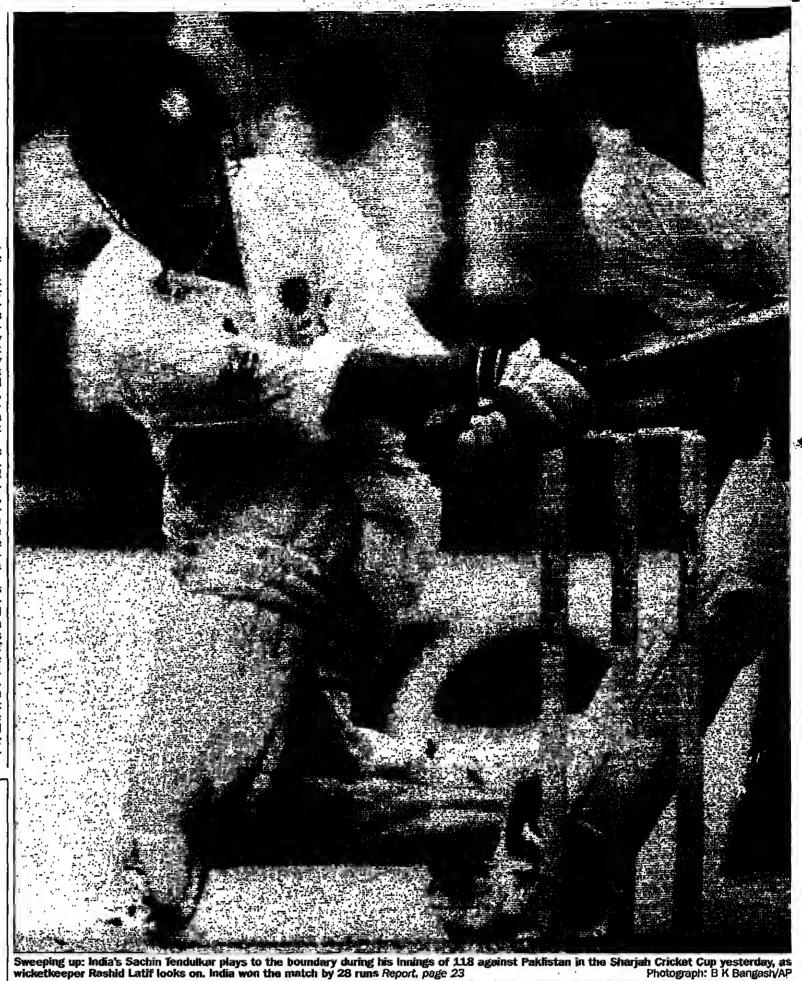
Rangers defender Alan McLaren, who will undergo a knee operation in May.

Blackburn may be without two forwards, Alan Shearer (groin injury) and Graham Fenton (back) for tomorrow's ership game against Wimbledon. Tomas Brolin is unlikely to be in the Leeds side to visit Manchester United tomorrow and may have played his last game for the club. Howard Wilkinson, the Leeds manager, was unhappy that the Swede re-iterated his intention to leave in the summer after the defeat at Chelsea on Saturday.

Another foreign player on the move could be Uwe Rösler. Sheffield Wednesday, who had an offer rejected by Manchester City earlier in the season. hope to land the German striker for £2.5m once the season ends. John Pemberton, the Leeds defender, may miss the rest of the season after damaging knee ligaments at Chelsea

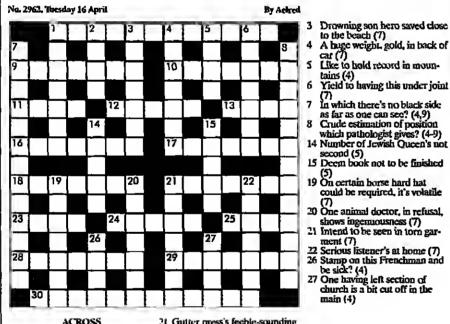
Mitch Cook, Scarborough's director of coaching, has been se-verely reprimanded by the Third Division club's chairman, John Russell, following allegations that Cook had taken a group of players to a wine bar on the evening before Saturday's 5-1 thrashing at Plymouth Argyle. That was Scarborough's fifth defeat in five games since Cook replaced Ray McHale in charge of team affairs, and a club record seventh successive defeat for the Yorkshire side, who are sec-

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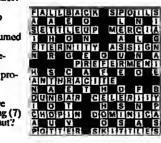


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Gooch ready to take up coaching

Cricket

Graham Gooch, one of eight contenders for the two vacant places on the England Test panel, has given his strongest hint yet that this could be his last

summer playing for Essex. The former England captain, who made his first-class dehut in 1973 and will be 43 in July, yesterday said: "I am not getting any younger and the time has come to think seriously about the future.

"Ideally, I would like to take up a coaching post and put something back into the game which has given me so much

pleasure over the years.

"Hopefully, such an opportunity will come along which suits me. In the meantime I'm just looking forward to another season with Essex.

"I've certainly got no worries over my fitness. I've been in regular training since Christmas and feel fitter now at the start of this season than I have for some years."

Essex's new overseas player, the Australian Stuart Law, said he is looking forward to his first taste of county cricket. "I am here on the recommendation of Allan Border and Mark Waugh who both played for Essex," he said." I regard this as a great op-portunity to forward my career. Hopefully, I will perform well enough to win a place in the

Australian Test team." Roland Lefebvre, the Glamorgan all-rounder, has been forced to retire because of pelvic damage suffered during an Sunday League match

against Durham last July.

"The injury Roland sustained is a very serious one," John Fairclough, Glamorgan's consultant surgeon, said. "He tore an abductor tendon in his groin and the original scan showed some very extensive damage. His bowling action works against him in that it puts a great deal of pressure on the pelvic

Lefehvre joined Glamorgan from Somerset in 1993 and played a major part in the county winning the Snnday League title for the first time that summer. He did not play again last season hut was a member of the Dutch side in the World Cup, playing in two

group matches.

"Naturally, I am extremely disappointed," he said. "I have thoroughly enjoyed my time at Glamorgan and I would like to record my thanks to everyone at the club for their continuing

Lefebvre took 149 first-class wickets and scored 1,494 runs during his six seasons in county

Hallett has no doubts over England's future

Rugby Union STEVE BALE

It is a strange sort of friendship that threatens expulsion, but the Rugby Football Union's friends in the home unions could today reveal whether they really are going to invite England to leave the Five Nations' Championship because their union no longer wishes to be encumbered by the Welsh, Scots and Irish in nego-

The RFU, embroiled in a donestie dispute with its leading clubs, does not know whether to act innocent or indignant at such an eventuality. After all the French, even if for obvious linguistic reasons, have always had their own contract - and they have not been expelled from the Five Nations since 1931.

tiating its television contract.

Tony Hallett, the RFU secretary, insisted be was not being ironic when he said yesterday of the Anglo-Welsh relationship: "It is always friendly and co-operative and we speak regularly at all levels." But the fact remains that at the weekend Vernon Pugh, chairman of the Welsh Rugby Union and the International Board, announced his expectation that England would have to leave the championship. Selective media leakages

stage its 13 allocated World Cup fixtures, including both semifinals, in 1999 when Wales will be hosts with matches taking place in each of the five nations. Today's statement by Boh Weighill, secretary of the home

unions' and Five Nations' committees and a former RFU secretary, will show whether any of this was more than a bargaining ploy. The RFU began by asking for a rise from 25 to 60 per cent; the other inions want to maintain an equal four-way split of a sum likely to exceed £150m compared with the £27m the BBC paid last time.

The unneighbourliness overshadowed yesterday's official launch of the 1999 World Cup at Cardiff City Hall and an-nouncement of the various routes by which all bar the hosts and last year's top three, South Africa, New Zealand and France, will have to qualify. England, Scotland and Ireland will host the three final European qualifying tournaments. each involving two other teams,

in November 1998. When questioning at yesterday's launch turned to the purported threat to England, Pugh made one oddly ambivalent re-

moved the threat a stage further by questioning whether the RFU would be permitted to mark concerning the share-out of matches for the '99 tournament." We have an arrangement with the members of the Five Nations and while they remain members of the Five Nations' Championship that arrange-ment will continue," he said.

The RFU had been hostilely received at Sunday's Five Nations meeting in Duhlin and Hallett is less sanguine privately than he is in public. "All we've done is make a statement that the RFU wishes to nego-

tiate its own TV rights," he said.
"We are members of the Five Nations, intend to remain members of the Five Nations, and I know of no plans to ex-pel us. Membership of the Five Nations is not incumbent on television negotiating rights. I can't see what the connection between membership of the Five Nations and World Cup is."

The process to produce 17 World Cup qualifiers consists of 138 matches involving 66 unions played in five geographical zones - Africa, Americas, Asia, Europe and Pacific. The first matches will involve Trinidad and Tobago, Guyana and Brazil, to be played by this December. The last will be in the three-team tournaments at Twickenham, Murrayfield and Lansdowne Road 23 months later.

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